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# **BASIC 2-EGG WHITE CAKE**

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2½ tsps baking powder.

½ tsp. salt.
½ cup shortening (part butter).

1 cup sugar.

½ tsp. vanilla.

2 eggs.

1 cup milk.

PREHEAT oven 350°F for square cake, 375°F for layers. Grease and lightly flour 8" x 8" x 2" pan, or two 8" layer pans. Measure flour, baking powder, salt. Stir to blend. Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually, mixing until creamy. Add vanilla. Add eggs singly, beating well after each. Starting and ending with dry ingredients, add them alternately with milk. Beat well after each. Spread evenly in with milk. Beat well after each. Spread evenly in pans. Bake square cake 45-50 minutes, layers 25-30 minutes. Let stand in tin 10-15 minutes Turn out on racks. Cool.

## **VARIATIONS**

MARBLE—blend 1 sq melted unsweetened chocolate with 1 sp sugar, 2 Tbsp water, ¼ tsp soda. Add to ¼ of batter. Alternate mixtures in pan, Cut zigzags through batters with knife. NUT—fold ½ cup chopped nuts into finished batter. CHERRY COCONUT—fold in ¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries, ½ cup chopped coconut. ORANGE—add 2 Tbsp grated orange rind to creamed mixture. Use ½ orange juice, ½ milk in place of 1 cup milk. SPICE—add 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp allspice to dry ingredients.



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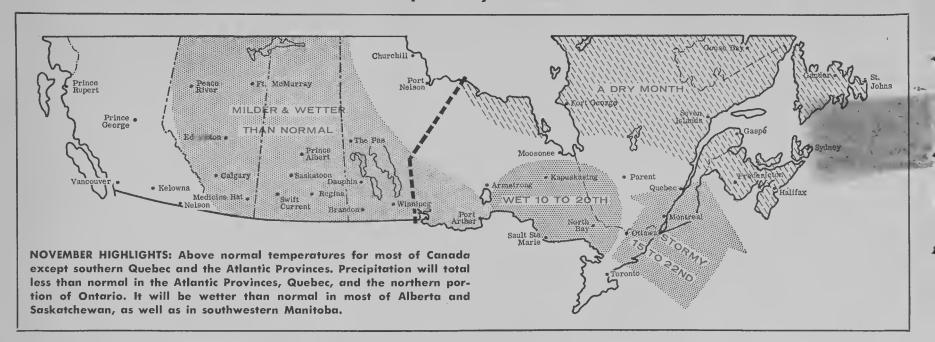
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(Allow a day or two either way in using this forecast. It should be 75 per cent right for your area, but not necessarily for your farm.-ed.)

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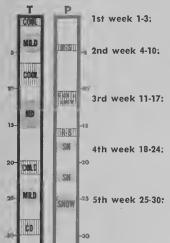
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# Alberta

Cool on 1st, followed by warming trend on 2nd and 3rd. Skies generally fair.

Milder weather through 4th, giving way to cold air over-spreading province from 7th to 9th. Snow or rain indicated for 4th in most locations; mostly sunny balance of week.

Mostly mild but unsettled. After cool temperature on 11th, comparatively mild through end of week. Snow on 11th changing to rain in south on 12th. Snow or rain likely on 16th.

Snow indicated on 18th. Windy with snow at most locations on 22nd. Interval will begin and end with day or two of mild weather; quite cold conditions at

Cloudy with snow on 25th and 26th. Mild November temperatures on 25th will change rapidly as colder Arctic air advances on 28th. Clearing skies for balance of week.

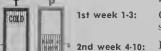


Rather cold with generally fair skies-good period for outdoor farm work.

can be expected to highlight the weather for balance of week

to 15th.

start and end week; 3-day interruption of cold from 20th to 22nd.



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Cloudy, unsettled, and cold on 1st; sunny with seasonal temperatures by  $3\mathrm{rd}$ .

precipitation on 5th. After seasonal temperatures (40's) through 6th, a return to colder Arctic air for balance of week.

Milder November temperatures on 25th, gradually giving way to Arctic air during last three days. Cloudy skies and some light precipitation on 26th and 27th during this last week.

## Ontario

Some rain on 1st and 2nd; windy in Lakes area. Cold on 2nd and 3rd,

Generally fair skies; unsettled weather in southeast sections on 6th and 7th. Seasonal to mild during first half of week, followed by cold outbreak lasting into week end.

One storm will bring rain or snow to nost locations from 12th to 14th; more important storms during week end. First part will bring seasonal temperatures; colder around 14th.

Important storminess with moderate amounts of precipitation can be expected to last into mid-week, with colder and drier air overspreading the province on the 21st.

With the exception of 29th, skies will be fair to partly cloudy the entire week, with mild to seasonal temperatures the rule. Ideal week for outdoor activity.

# 1st week 1-3: RAIN

First half of week will bring snow; moderate to heavy on 5th. Arctic air with mostly sunny skies

Unsettled weather for several days during week, with light precipitation on 11th, 12th, 14th, and 16th. Only milder interval will extend from 12th

Mostly sunny on 18th, showers on 19th, snow on 20th, unsettled on 22nd. Seasonal temperatures will

Storms through region will produce general snow on 26th and 27th. Drop in temperature on 28th, with cold air persisting through 29th. Mostly sunny during last half of week.

## Quebec

Seasonal temperatures; brief period of clouds; some scattered rain mainly on 2nd.

Fair skies will give way to increasing cloud, snow and rain on 7th and 8th, clearing on 9th. Cool weather into mid-week, with cold Arctic air moving in after 7th.

Sunny on 11th and 12th; showers on 13th and 14th. More precipitation on 15th, improving on 16th and 17th. Temperatures in high 40's into mid-week; much colder on 16th.

Milder air will last through 21st; then colder. General storminess indicated from 18th to 21st, with unsettled conditions expected to be returning again on 24th.

The forecast is for mild to seasonal weather throughout the entire week, with some storminess expected to show up on the 27th and 28th of this final period of November.

# Manitoba

First half of week frequently unsettled; more general

Unsettled and mild through 15th, chance of occasional light showers. On 16th and 17th, more important storms, with some snow likely as temperatures drop to colder levels.

Fair to partly cloudy most of week; some light precipitation mid-week. Cold air will move over for brief interval on 21st and 22nd, followed by moderating trend.

COL 25 5th week 25-30:

# **Atlantic Provinces**

Mild and sunny on 1st; rain on 2nd and 3rd, heavy amounts likely

Skies will clear early in week before a new storm moves through between the 6th and 8th. This will be followed by cold weather due to arrive over the week end.

Cold weather will break after 11th. Between 13th and 15th, afternoon temperatures will climb into 50's everywhere. Rain can be expected in most places on 15th-16th.

Stormy with rain and snow on several days between 18th and 22nd. Cloudiness will maintain seasonable temperatures on most days, except turning colder at end of week.

Except for chance of light precipitation about 27th, this will be a generally dry interval. It will be cold early in week but last few days of November will be relatively mild.



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# **Editorials**

# What About Income Tax Equity?

AN old controversy is being revived with determination and vigor. Representatives of private corporations and trade groups are in the throes of organizing the Equitable Income Tax Foundation. The purpose of this new organization, according to *The Financial Post*, will be to marshal facts and public opinion with the intention of bringing about tax revisions. The objective in the campaign, and the only one as far as we are aware, is to obtain changes in the tax laws as they apply to co-operatives.

Private interests charge that co-operatives have an unfair advantage under the Income Tax Act. This advantage, they claim, rests on the fact that patronage dividends are not subject to corporation income tax. When co-operative members agree, as they frequently do, to put their dividend earnings back into their co-operatives to be used as working or investment capital, it gives the co-operatives a way of raising such capital that is said to be barred to private corporations. The reason is that private corporations cannot reinvest surplus earnings until they have paid the going rate of corporation income tax on them.

The trouble with this viewpoint is that it is an oversimplification of the problem. It conveniently neglects to bring out considerations which have an important bearing on the fairness or otherwise of the income tax laws.

Since 1946 patronage dividends paid by any company have been deductible in the calculation of income tax. There\_is, in fact, no legal deterrent in the Income Tax Act to prevent private corporations from employing the same method as co-operatives do in building up working capital. It would mean, of course, that private corporations would have to pay patronage dividends and borrow them back from their customers—a practice most of them are loath to use. That non-co-operative enterprises choose not to do this is their concern, not that of the income tax legislation.

ONE of the basic principles of income tax law in Canada is that income from business, or from any source, is taxable in the hands of the person who receives it. Patronage dividends paid by co-operatives, while not subject to corporation income tax, are subject to personal income tax in the hands of the recipients if they arise from transactions used to earn an income. Likewise, earnings of unincorporated enterprises (single proprietorships, partnerships, syndicates), as well as those of personal corporations, are not subject to corporation income tax, but are taxable in the hands of the owners of such businesses.

There are several points to be made in this connection. Patronage dividends, except in the case of consumer co-ops, are not tax free. Moreover, there is nothing unusual or irregular under the Income Tax Act about exempting business income from taxation in the hands of the business enterprises as such. Those who complain about co-operative taxation are, in effect, objecting to the basic principle of income tax law referred to above—a principle that applies, not only to co-operatives, but to a broad section of Canadian business, with earnings in excess of those of the co-operatives.

Efforts have been made over the years to keep the competitive position of various types of business on an equitable footing. Recognizing that the earnings of incorporated share capital companies (including some cooperatives) were subject to double taxation, the government amended the Income Tax Act in 1946 so as to make all co-operatives subject

to a degree of double taxation as well. From that time on, co-operatives paying patronage dividends have been taxed on at least 3 per cent of their employed capital. Later, in 1949, the government decided to provide relief to share capital companies from double taxation on their earnings. The Act was amended to allow shareholders of taxable Canadian corporations to deduct from personal income tax an amount equal to 10 per cent of share dividends received. This dividend tax credit was increased to 20 per cent in 1953. It remains in effect and has had the result of substantially reducing, if not eliminating, double taxation. However, in spite of this change, the 3 per cent capital limitation on patronage dividends imposed on co-operatives remains law. The Act in this respect places a penalty on cooperatives that is not experienced by other

Complaints from corporations that co-operatives have an undue advantage in building up capital for expansion are difficult to accept in view of their own experience in this respect. A 1957 study of 71,899 Canadian corporations showed that they had a total accumulated surplus of \$14.7 billion. This huge amount represented undistributed earnings which have been used for expanding their businesses. The owners of the corporations have not been forced to pay personal tax on these earnings,

and their very existence has created a tremendous opportunity for capital gains. It is also well known that corporations have developed elaborate plans to avoid the incidence of taxation. To put it mildly, the tax laws notwithstanding, complaints from private corporations about co-operatives seem not unlike a case of the kettle calling the pot black.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that certain types of business, such as insurance companies, oil and gas companies and trust companies, receive deliberate tax concessions that far outweigh any conceivable advantage that can be attributed to co-operatives.

THE Equitable Income Tax Foundation appears to have taken a narrow viewpoint. We cannot help but wonder if those behind it have considered all the angles to this many-sided question of taxation. A thorough examination of undistributed income in the hands of corporations, the avoidance of tax on corporate earnings, and the whole question of the shifting of corporation tax from shareholders to consumers could make the attack on cooperative taxation look pretty silly.

In any event, the Foundation, along with everyone else concerned, is to be given a chance to throw as much light on the subject as possible before the Government's recently appointed Royal Commission on Taxation. Such commissions are usually not inclined to be unduly influenced by emotional appeals, or half-baked arguments. They can be useful in correcting misleading information and misunderstandings. We believe the Taxation Commission has a big job to do. If it can come up with a proposal that would bury the income tax equity issue for all time, it will do the country a very great service indeed.

# A Master Plan

THE President of the Canadian National Railways, Mr. Donald Gordon, threw out a significant challenge to Western Agriculture last month. Speaking to the Winnipeg Canadian Club he expressed the view that, in the national interest, a co-ordinated master plan is needed to improve the efficiency and reduce the costs of the grain handling system.

Mr. Gordon's approach to developing such a plan includes these elements:

First, recognition by the parties concerned—including grain growers, elevator owners, railways and governments—that they should look at the overall grain handling system together, instead of each party looking at its segment separately.

Second, that the objective should be a plan and program which is good for the nation as a whole, and not simply one that serves the short range interests of each of the parties.

Third, that the three basic areas to which the parties could look to trim handling expenses and increase efficiency are: (a) moving grain from farms to main-line elevators; (b) consolidation of elevators on railway main lines; and (c) railway transportation of grain from elevators to destination.

Finally, that there should be joint exploitation of improved technology and methods already available, and the joint development of new techniques and innovations through research.

The CNR president supported his case for joint action in these words:

"Experience has taught me that vested interest is a jealous guardian and, when complicated by conflicting jurisdictions, it tends toward the extreme in the protection of entrenched positions. But if the broad public interest is to be served for the ultimate benefit of all Canada, then each part of the complex I have described will have to make some concession or compromise to allow first the formulation of a plan, and then the implementation

of it, so as to provide an up-to-date and efficient system."

Mr. Gordon's address should not be overlooked on two counts. On one hand his general approach to the problem seems to be statesmanlike and sufficiently well thought out to be worthy of serious consideration. He is obviously convinced there are savings to be made in grain handling for all parties concerned, if agreement can be reached on a joint plan and program. Such savings would undoubtedly be beneficial for one of Canada's leading export commodities in an increasingly competitive period in world trade. From a second standpoint, Mr. Gordon's position has special significance. Just a few weeks ago the Canadian Federation of Agriculture approached the Federal Government to point out the urgency of formulating a national plan and policy on rail line abandonment. A study of the Federation submission reveals that the farm organizations and Mr. Gordon are not so very far apart in their thinking.

The Federation said the plan it had in mind should embrace the operations of both railways, and should make possible orderly, equitable abandonment, where this is necessary, over a period of years. Such a plan could provide a clear guide for planning and investment by affected businesses and by farmers. Until such a plan is developed, the Federation urged that no further applications for branch line abandonment should be considered.

It is true that the CNR president has approached the problems of the grain handling system from a different viewpoint than that of the Federation. But both parties have called for an overall plan, instead of a piecemeal approach. Why doesn't Mr. Gordon take the all-important second step, now that he has declared himself, and invite the CPR, grain handling companies, farm organizations and governments to come together at a conference to examine his approach to see what might be done. It would be refreshing for a change if such initiative came from a source other than the government itself.

# GUIDE POSTS

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WHEAT EXPORTS, no longer spurred by threatened shortages, will drag this season. Large sales to Communist countries will be needed if we are to come near last season's level of 358 million bushels. So far, the showing is poor with exports running a third lower.

HOG PRICES will weaken slightly this fall, but could bounce back early in the new year when the demand for breeding stock may cause weekly marketings to drop. Plan for early spring farrowings because prices by next fall could be much lower than those of late summer.

BARLEY SUPPLIES this year will be about the same as a year ago. Despite this relatively tight position, prices have been working down since June in response to the improved overall feed situation. Expect upward turn in months ahead.

POTATO PRODUCTION in both Canada and the U.S. will be down slightly but probably not enough to make a good profit year.

PROFITABLE FED CATTLE PRICES for the rest of this year are probable. Numbers on feed are up, however, and as marketings increase next spring prices may sag \$3 to \$4 per owt.

OAT PRICES have dropped about 10 per cent below levels prevailing most of last season. Even so, no significant quantities are likely to be exported. Lower prices will, however, improve the profit margin of livestock feeders.

WORLD FLAXSEED SUPPLIES will be larger than last season's, but still small based on historical standards. Prices last season shot up with each new suggestion of a shortage, but this year the market should show less fluctuation.

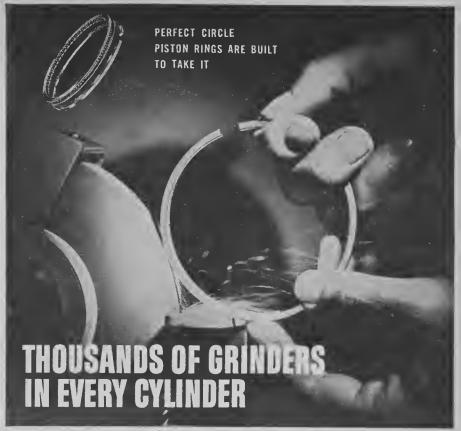
BIDDING FOR FEEDER CATTLE has been brisk in Western Canada this fall because of strong local and export demand. Prices are some \$5 per cwt. higher than a year ago and likely to remain strong.

WORLD DURUM SUPPLIES are far larger than requirements this season. Prices have declined some and further reductions are likely by next spring.

LAMB FEEDING PROSPECTS for this winter appear slightly better than last because of the probability of less severe competition from imports. Prices could be \$3 per cwt. higher than at present.

WET FALL WEATHER in the Prairies has been costly to farmers. While the good selection of grades may help generate sales, it is unlikely this will offset loss in value due to grade reductions.

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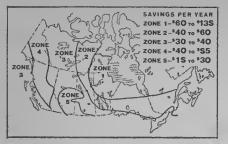




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# What's Happening

### MILK MARKETING PLAN REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

The Provisional Milk Marketing Board has announced that it will consider revisions in the Ontario Milk and Cream Marketing Plan before the Plan is submitted to producers for a vote. Suggested changes are invited from interested producer groups, and these should be submitted to the Board office at 409 Huron St., Toronto 5, not later than November 1.

### WORLD FOOD PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT CONFERENCE

International action has been taken to provide food to needy and hungry peoples on a multilateral basis. At a Pledging Conference for the World Food Program, being jointly sponsored by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, a total of \$86 million in cash, commodities and services was pledged by some 30 countries. The Conference was held in New York in mid-September.

The World Food Program was established by the UN Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO in April of this year. It will operate on an experimental basis for

a period of 3 years. In accordance with the WFP constitution, it will on request provide aid for:

- Meeting emergency food needs and emergencies inherent in chronic malnutrition (this could include the establishment of food reserves);
- Assisting in pre-school and school feeding;
- Implementing pilot projects, using food as an aid to economic and social development, particularly when related to labor - intensive projects and rural welfare.

Canada's contribution amounts to \$5 million for the 3-year trial period, of which one-third will be provided in cash and the balance in appropriate commodities.

### COWCULATOR COMES TO CANADA

Electronics and farm supply cooperatives in Ontario are bringing new techniques to milk producers to help them achieve maximum profits. The innovation is a portable calculating instrument, called a Cowculator, which is capable of determining the most efficient method for feeding dairy cows. (The invention of the Cowculator was reported in our October 1961 issue.) It does this by comparing electronically the cost and amount of feeds consumed with the amount and value of milk produced.

"The Cowculator will be of great benefit to dairy farmers who keep accurate records," states D. V. Slinger, head of the United Cooperatives of Ontario Research Department - the organization which has brought the instrument into Canada. "It takes the guesswork out of dairy cattle feeding. The overfeeding of low producers and underfeeding of high producers will be a thing of the past," Slinger predicts. V

### AG. CHEMICALS NEEDED -NEW ONES ON THE WAY

With a fixed amount of arable land and a booming world population, agricultural chemicals are needed to increase per-acre production. We must use every device we have to slap pests down and push plants up, or we will run out of food before the end of this century. This hard fact was brought out at the 10th annual meeting of the Canadian Agricultural Chemicals Association held last month in Banff, Alta.

"Every 6 months world population shows an increase equal to Canada's total population," said entomologist Dr. Jim Marshall, CDA Research Station, Summerland, B.C. "Like a worm in an apple, we'll soon eat ourselves out of house and home. Yet many people, fearing harmful side effects from chemical residues, say we should do away with artificial farming methods, such as chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and return to 'natural farming.' If we did this we'd soon starve to death. By its very nature, Agriculture is artificial. If the land were left to itself, we'd have only trees and grassland. There would be no grain fields, vegetable fields or orchards."

Prof. Len Shebeski, head of the Plant Science Dept., University of Manitoba, told how \$3 million spent for grasshopper control in Saskatchewan has saved \$90 million in crops. As an example of what selective herbicides have done for the farmer, wild oat killers have increased grain yields an average of 9.2 bu. per acre.

"Western Canada is considered one of the last food surplus areas in the world," said Shebeski. "But who will we buy food from in 2000 A.D.?" he asked.

- D. J. Keating, Agricultural Chemicals Div., Stauffer Chemical Company, New York, told of these new products that might be seen on the market in the future:
- A chemical which would hasten the flowering and maturing of various fruits so these could be raised in rigorous climates where fruit growing is impossible now;
- Single systemics designed to control a variety of pests with a great saving in application costs;
- Chemicals that will increase animal weight gains by 10 per cent;
- Pesticides which will not only "hold the line" but prevent reinfection from occurring;
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- Compounds which will make crops repel insects.



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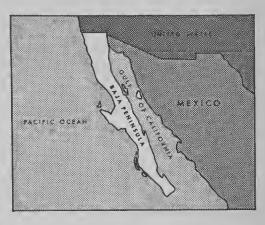
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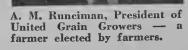
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# Fall Market Outlook

ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. The Canada Department of Agriculture reports continued growth in population, output and employment in the first half of 1962. Industrial production, retail sales and capital investment all increased. For the rest of the year these trends should continue, assuring a strong domestic market for our farm products. World conditions are favorable and our exports will likely remain high.

# Price Boom in Beef

Feeder cattle prices may ease some. Slaughter prices to remain strong

by FRANK JACOBS, Editor, Canadian Cattlemen



AMERICAN and Canadian forecasters missed badly on the late-summer price boommost of them had predicted a price drop for both feeder and slaughter cattle by fall. These predictions were based on: (1) the growing cattle population, (2) a reduced U.S. feed supply because of acreage control (current year's production smallest since 1956), (3) a record spring calf crop, (4) lots of cattle in feedlots.

However, prices went up. Range conditions in the Central and Northern Great Plains are the best in years. Ranchers, there, delayed forwardcontracting of calves and yearlings—they had lots of grass and didn't need to sell. Winter wheat prospects in the Southern Plains looked good, and the demand for fall grazing improved. Feedlot men found it harder to get replacements.

Meanwhile, the National Farmers' Organization launched a no-delivery strike of livestock in the Corn Belt. NFO men were attempting to bargain for packer contracts. Their action caused a flurry in Corn Belt markets and some packers are reported to have laid off workers, giving NFO a partial victory. But these withholdings (the NFO has 180,000 members, with its greatest strength in Iowa) occurred coincidentally with the September price jump. It's hard to hold ready cattle when the market is hot, and organization loyalty was severely tested. Undoubtedly, many NFO cattle were eased in as some producers attempted to get on the market before the other fellow. It's too soon to assess the effect of the NFO strike, but the held-back cattle were no doubt a factor in the strong September prices.

# **Canadian Market Strong**

In Canada, we were duc for a price rise if American prices held even or broke just slightly. We have been feeding fewer cattle this past year, and selling them at lighter weights. Consequently, a beef shortage was in the offing, and it was expected that we would go on an import basis—thus boosting our price structure—by mid-fall. But American prices didn't drop, they went up; so the Canadian market got a double boost.

The past year put a jingle in cattlemen's jeans. Dollar devaluation will add something like \$10 million extra to ranchers and others raising cattle to the feeder level. And for cattle feeders-and those raising cattle to slaughter weight and condition-the Diefendollar will mean an additional \$36 million more than could have been obtained if the dollar had remained at par or just above it. This \$46 million bonus to the Canadian cattle industry has inspired lots of cattle feeders to wave at auctioneers. American order buyers have been doing the same thing, aided and abetted by an 8 pcr cent money advantage. As a result, quality reputation yearling feeders have been selling over \$28 in Alberta and steer calves of similar stamp have topped at \$35.

Last year Canada had a record cattle tradearound \$620 million, including calves and feeders going back to the country. Since there were almost 400,000 more head sold on the Prairie than the year before, largely because of the drought, about 10 per cent of the total marketings of 3.78 million was abnormal, and likely won't be repeated this year. However, the average price throughout 1962 will run at least \$3 a hundred—13 per cent—higher than a year ago. And for feeder cattle the price increase will be at least 20 per cent.

Total dollar volume of this year's trade will exceed last year's, and may run to \$700 million.

### Feeder Cattle Outlook

**ONTARIO.** Farmers, with a whopping feed crop—and the somewhat belated discovery that corn feeding is the way to make money with cattle—will buy as many as last year, unless there's a further price rise. If quality yearlings cost much more than \$30 (and calves over \$32) laid down in Ontario, some fellows will lose their nerve. At time of writing, Ontario feeders were 20 per cent below last year in rate of buying, but they were moving fast.

ALBERTA. Cattlemen will feed more cattle and to heavier weights-already feedlots are 15 per

cent fuller than a year ago. Alberta has ample forage and a lot of frosted grain.

MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN. Both provinces will feed fewer head. Farmers sold off yearlings and calves a year ago, and U.S. and Eastern buyers are working hard on the current calf and yearling crop.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA.** B.C. will feed about the same. The feedlot industry in that province has been expanding despite the odds against it.

Fewer feeder cattle will go to export—426,000 last year, perhaps 360,000 this year. (This is a way-out guess—year-end statistics could easily prove us wrong.)

### **Cattle Price Outlook**

FEEDERS AND STOCKERS have already got as high as is justified, and the price is already peaked — unless Corn Belt feeders get overambitious. Bulk of the good yearling steers are going into Western feedlots around \$26, with \$2.50 additional charge to put them into Ontario. Quality steer calves have sold up to \$35 in the West, but most of them have been trading at around \$29-\$30. Many traders have been at prices considerably below this, reflecting quality and condition. Our guess is that there could be an easing of feeder cattle before fall run ends.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE. Supplies of Good and Choice (the supermarket trade) for the balance of the year will be short. This should produce a price rise—but the rise is already here, and prices are high enough to discourage housewives. Therefore, we probably have seen the price peak for 1962. But no drop of any significance is in the books, either. In fact, for the Canadian position only, no price drop is justified until the current calf crop gets to 800 lb. on grain, 7 months from now. However, U.S. prices look too high to us, and a drop in their late-winter market is bound to distress ours.



# Hog Market Favorable

Short run dairy outlook good. Prices firmer for eggs and poultry

by DON BARON, Eastern Field Editor, The Country Guide

## Hogs

OOK for stability in the hog industry for the next 6 months, and maybe for a full year. Hog prices should stay around \$29 or better, Toronto, during seasonal decline this fall. Canadian prices seem to be firmly entrenched on an "import" basis, in relation to the U.S. market. Last year's drought effectively squelched a build-up in hog numbers, especially in Western Canada. Weekly hog runs must get up to 125 or 130 thousand or more before we are in surplus. We aren't near that yet in Canada, so prices should hold at levels equivalent to U.S. prices (strong prices are expected there this fall), plus the cost of importing pork from there into Canada. This situation gives producers here the full benefit of the devalued dollar and the 5 per cent surcharge.

How long will producers continue to restrain production, and escape the inevitable price decline which will follow when Canada again produces pork in "surplus"? Despite a bigger grain crop in the West this year, the prospect of firm feed grain prices will help discourage a re-entry into pig production there. Farrowings in Western Canada are expected to be down this fall.

Danger spot is in the East. Hog production is building up. A rise of 21 per cent in farrowings is expected in the June to November period this year. New technology is the reason. Many producers who were lured into the business in a big, specialized way a few years ago, by government-guaranteed price supports, refused to quit when supports were withdrawn. They have found they can produce hogs profitably at lower prices than they thought. More specialized hog farms are being established. Another factor—more corn is being grown in Ontario, and over a wider area. Corn is a big factor in low-cost hog production in the province.

Don't forget—there continues to be a good supply of cheap corn in the U.S. and this will prevent prices there from rising substantially.

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# **Dairy Products**

In the short run, outlook is good. Industry is stable, and prices favorable. But the price structure under it may be a house of cards. It is government subsidies that maintain stability. This year, the butter subsidy will cost taxpayers about \$43 million. Producers of manufacturing milk get another \$12 million. Export subsidies for some products, and payments for the purchase of dried skim milk and other dairy products, add a few more million. Total bill for the taxpayer, to support dairying, will be about \$60 million this year.

How long can this house of cards hold up? Where will it break first? Butter may be the most vulnerable commodity, and any change in the present 12 cents a pound subsidy can scarcely help but affect all dairy farmers. The new butter support policy, which maintains producer price, but cuts price to consumer by I2 cents, isn't doing the job. Storage butter continues to pile up. Despite some increase in consumption, storage stocks will be at least 25 million pounds higher at the end of this year than last.

Many fluid milk producers are now so apprehensive that they are diversifying rapidly, adding sizeable beef, hog or other enterprises as insurance against a dairy disaster. Efforts to devise a milk marketing board in Ontario have virtually stalled. Little progress is seen in Quebec.

As long as present price support program is maintained, short-term outlook for industry is bright. With the exception of butter, the industry has been more stable this year than for some time.

**CHEESE.** Brisk demand, both domestic and export, has pushed prices to highest levels since the record prices of 1959. Prices now are extremely high by world standards. This could create consumer resistance in future, but right now demand can't be met.

WHOLE MILK POWDER. This newly important dairy product is finding a good export market. Despite lower exports than last year, total value is double that of cheddar cheese exports.

SKIM MILK POWDER. Last year's price disaster (lowest prices in 30 years, because of high production, and necessity of meeting subsidized exports from other countries) has been avoided this year. A government purchase program has boosted prices 2 or 3 cents a pound. There is a market for government purchases too. Domestic consumption is holding well, despite higher prices. Producers got 10 or 15 cents more this year for milk shipped to skim powder plants.

**FLUID MILK.** Consumption is remaining in line with population increases.

ICE CREAM. Production and sales are increasing slightly, despite a cool summer.

# Poultry

**EGGS.** Look for slightly higher egg prices this fall, than a year ago. Also, be sure to claim deficiency payments for the past year.

Egg market now is difficult to predict. When shortages shape up, and higher prices are in prospect, producers can often move quickly to boost output, thus preventing price rises, Higher prices, that were expected last spring, didn't materialize. Here is why. Production declined in Western Canada, held steady in Ontario, but increased in Quebec. Eggs from Quebec filled up Montreal market, and backed up into Toronto, depressing price level.

For this fall, hatches are down, and this should mean lower production, higher prices. However, if many producers moult their old flocks instead of selling them, and bring them back for fall production, this will modify price gains.

High red meat prices, which are partly the result of the Western drought of 1961, are providing a welcome umbrella for poultry meat prices and should continue for remainder of year.

**TURKEYS.** There is no turkey shortage in sight, so don't look for extremely high prices. Low prices last year and high feed costs brought cutback in turkey placement in prairies. But turkey broilers have been hatched since then to take up the slack, forestalling the strong price rise that scemed imminent last spring. Now, with record storage holdings of frozen turkey still on hand, and over 2 million pounds of U.S. turkey still available for import, there will be plenty.

Even so, per capita consumption increased to 2 pounds, during the first 7 months of the year, at generally higher prices than a year ago. Look for higher prices during final quarter of 1962.

producers (12 cents a pound) may have driven home a lesson: heavy surpluses bring distress prices. This year, although production cutback has been slight, high red meat prices have shielded broiler prices, creating an opportunity for good profits. By September, with the seasonal decline in demand setting in, the storm signals were out. Industry leaders were calling for production cutback. The question was: Could the industry resist the temptation to forget the past, and flood their market? At time of writing, there

is indication that prices may hold for several months, or a year, yet. But it depends on output.

# **Apples**

Look for less erratic price situation than last year when Ontario's bumper crop depressed prices in Central Canada. Ontario's crop is down somewhat, this year, while bigger harvests are expected in B.C., N.S. and Quebec. A smaller crop is expected in the U.S. European situation could affect prices here. Exports to the continent normally help Canadian growers, but this year, a big crop seems to be coming off over there.

## **Potatoes**

Total cutback in potato production this year in Canada may amount to 10 per cent, which should be enough to bring stronger prices. Biggest cutback is in Maritimes, where low prices last year climaxed a series of bad potato years. Central Canada reduced its acreage too, while the West increased acreage slightly.

## Tobacco

Smaller harvest this year results from reduced acreage, and September frost damage. Despite carryover of 7 million pounds of unsold tobacco from last year, domestic usage plus exports should exceed amount available for sale this year. Short supply may mean strong prices.

# Grain Situation Improved . . .

but export competition will be tough, durum wheat, rape and flax prices weakening

by JOHN CLARK, United Grain Growers



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Which is one way of describing some of the recent suggestions about the 1.5 billion dollar grain crop we're supposed to be selling. To do this we would have to be selling \$2 wheat, \$1.20 barley, and  $90\phi$  oats. The grades this year certainly won't be that good. And as one writer has pointed out, our expected No. 3 Northern (and maybe that's high) wheat "would have to fetch at least another  $75\phi$  a bushel over and above all charges. No. 1 feed oats will have to realize at least another  $46\phi$ , and No. 1 feed barley another  $48\phi$  per bushel average for Western Canada."

### Reason to be Happier

Most economists, grain people, and reporters expect that your grain income will be much like that from the 1960 crop. The situation looks fairly good. Farmers seem to agree with them. They're spending money. A combination of P.F.A. payments, acreage payments, and Wheat Board final payments made money available; then a potentially big 1962 crop (somewhere between 940 and 990 million bushels) gave them reason to spend it. By August, Western Canada's

economy was picking up-proving again that as goes the Western Farmer so goes the West.

Some items that were making farmers happy:

- A big crop. Around the first of September, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics estimated that Western farmers were going to thresh approximately 991 million bushels of grain. This is slightly under the 1960 crop of 1 billion bushels, a little over the 1952-61 average of 967 million bushels, and up 72 per cent over last year's crop. Manitoba and Saskatchewan, of course, accounted for much of the increase over last year.
- The devalued dollar. Because the exchange value of the Canadian dollar has depreciated about 10 per cent during the past 16 months, farmers will be getting an extra 20¢ for all the \$2.00 wheat we sell—over 1960-61. If this is hard to understand think of it this way: when our chief competitor, the U.S., offers wheat at \$2.00 U.S. money, we can offer it at \$2.15 Canadian money (our dollar is 7½¢ below the U.S. dollar) and the buyer will still be paying the same price.
- Higher prices. The world price of wheat is considerably higher—up 20-30¢ (without counting the devalued dollar)—than it was 2 years ago.
- More space in country elevators. At the beginning of the 1962-63 crop season, about 100 million bushels of space was available.
- Export market still good. Much of our traditional European market has been replaced by markets in Communist countries, but the overall volume should be about the same.

Let's look more closely now at some of the factors controlling how much money prairie farmers will make out of this year's crop.

In some ways this is easier to estimate than the beef or hog market: meat is a perishable product and most of it isn't sold through producer marketing boards. On the other hand, the Canadian Wheat Board can allow its grain to back right up to the farmers' granaries. The Wheat Board's (Please turn to page 53)

# Breeding for Red Meat

by CLIFF FAULKNOR
Field Editor

Like its United States counterpart, Canada's search for the "Steer of Tomorrow" begins with the selection of good meat-type sires

BOUT the time the McKinnons of LK Ranches were looking for a way to choose good beef sires they ran into Doug Baird. Doug, who is Chief of the Production Section of the CDA's Livestock Division in Ottawa, was looking for cattlemen willing to gamble a bit of time and money on his department's progeny test program. When a packing firm and retail food chain offered their co-operation too, the result was a research effort similar to the big Codding - Armour project (Country Guide, Feb. 1962) in the United States.

As a matter of fact, the Livestock Division first saw its chance to start such a program when LK Ranches Ltd., Bassano, Alta., and the Coldstream Ranch Ltd., Vernon, B.C., began breeding artificially to control vibriosis. And a resolution to the Division from the Western Stock Growers' Association indicated that a program like this was needed.

With these ranching companies keeping complete cow herd records for their A.I. breeding, it was a logical step to carry the thing further and performance test the resulting calves," Doug Baird explained. "Then, with both cow and calf records at hand, it was possible to consider an intensive progeny testing project for beef bulls in A.I. units.

You see, you need artificial breeding in a range test like this, because it's the only way you can positively identify calves

At first, the Federal program included both ranching companies. Later, the Coldstream work was placed under a project being run by the B.C. Advisory Committee for Beef Cattle.

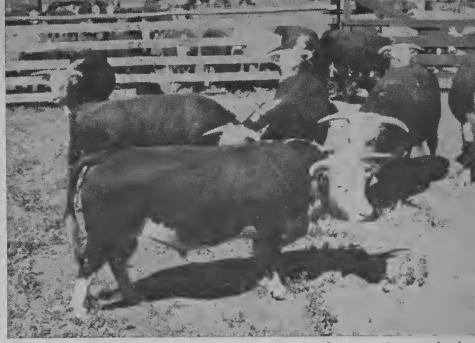
Said Charlie McKinnon, who owns LK Ranches in partnership with sons Neil and Jim, and daughters Alice and Barbara: We were looking for some way to improve our beef quality. When the Government wanted to start their test program we were glad to co-operate.

'As far as A.I. goes, much as we dislike it, it was no great problem. We were already in it because of the vibriosis. But I think any cattleman would rather see his animals grazing out on the range, undisturbed, instead of being herded into camps and handled by a bunch of guys in overalls.

However, while many cattlemen dislike the idea of artificial breeding, most agree that the breeder who accepts A.I., and the opportunity it offers to weed out "bad doers," is the one who will move ahead in the future.

O-OPERATING in a test of this sort means the cattleman has to dig into his own pocketbook. Before test animals are ready for slaughter, the bill is about \$40 per head more than it would be if they were just being raised for market. The packer has extra costs too. The carcasses have to be kept apart from the regular run, and their quality and condition recorded. As for the retailer, he has to employ men after hours to butcher the halves, then weigh the cuts and waste.

This they have all been quite willing to do in the hope it will lead to a better beef animal. Fatty carcasses are a plague on the whole industry, even to the consumer. The cutout value (percentage of red meat) shows an animal's true fat content. It provides a more exact measure of carcass worth than any (Please turn to next page) other method.



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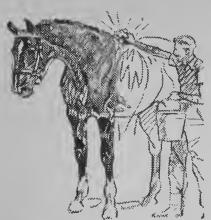
# Slaughter

Chief grader Ivan Garrison (left) examines test eareasses at the Burns packing plant.



# Butchering

Butchers (above) weigh cuts from the test steers, then the fat and bones separately.



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# **Breeding for Red Meat**

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Said Doug Baird, "As we get more results in we hope a regular cutout procedure can be developed that will reduce the cutting needed, but not the value of the information.'

Co-operation between LK Ranches and the Government began in 1958 when the Livestock Division helped the McKinnons set up a limited performance test. From there it was only a short hop to progeny testing. At last they had found a tool that promised to show them which bulls and dams were producing the kind of steers they wanted.

The first LK breeding program actually designed for progeny testing was set up in 1960. It included six bulls, each bred to 75 cows of selected age groups. A random sample of 10 steer calves from each bull were placed on feed at weaning time. Next year, the ranching company further extended its program.

This year, LK was happy to see other cattle outfits such as the Bar U, Running M and Kentucky Ranch, join the progeny test scheme. All their efforts are now co-ordinated under the Alberta Beef Cattle Performance Association - a group of commercial breeders long interested in beef carcass improvement.

During the feeding period, animals belonging to all participating ranches are fed an identical ration at Western Feedlots Ltd., Strathmore. Some go on feed at once for finishing in April. Others are fed a wintering ration, then go on feed from April to August. Feed consumption and rates of gain are recorded for each animal at the close of the feeding period. The Government assists with an advance amounting to 85 per cent of the feed bill, so neither producer nor the Feedlot have to stand the cost during testing. The advance is paid back when the animals are marketed.

At the end of this year's feeding tests, the animals were slaughtered at the P. Burns & Co. plant, Calgary. Here, Ivan Garrison (the Production Section's Chief Grader at Calgary) did a full-scale carcass analysis on them. The final step came at a Safeway store in the city, where the actual lean meat content of each carcass was recorded.

ERE is a summary of the 1962 Hresults showing a record of each sire group from weaning weight to the final cutout value:

Carcass Performance

	CARCASS								
Sire	No. Calves	Average Dress Weight	Average Carcass Weight per Day of Age	Average Dress %	Av. Loin Eye Area Per 100 lb.	Av. Fat Cover Carcass Wt.	% Quart Front	er of Side Hind	Average Kidney Fat
Herefo	rd Sire	es							
103H	9	494	1.15	59.4	1.76	.14	51.3	48.7	1.4
104H	10	547	1.32	59.8	1.8	.13	50.6	49.4	1.9
106H	10	561	1.36	59.9	1.53	.14	50.8	49.2	2.4
108H	5	543	1.37	59.6	1.68	.15	50.9	49.1	2.2
109H	8	526	1.29	58.5	1.73	.14	51.0	49.0	2.2
Charol	ais Sir	es							
	7	586	1.49	60.4	1.72	.098	51.2	48.8	2.2
Holste:	in Sire	S							
	10	566	1.34	60.0	1.83	.12	51.9	48.1	2.4

The following is a comparison between the carcass ratings of 67 steers shown at fairs in all three prairie provinces with those of 103 commercial steers in the 1961-62 test. Of the 67 show animals, 12 won championships:

### Show Steers

	No. Steers	Warm Carcass Wt.	Dressing %	Loin Eye Area (sq. in.) Per 100 lb.	Fat Thickness Carcass Wt.
Average champions		503 584	59.7 (65) 60.9 (10)	1.73 1.63	.17" .17"
Steers Tested in 1961-	<b>62</b> (to <b>d</b> a	ite)			
Average	103	565	59.5	1.74	.14"

This shows why the industry needs something better than eye judging. From the standpoint of red meat content the championship steers show up as the worst of the lot.

With records such as this, a producer can get a pretty fair idea of the value of the sires he's used.

A good deal of the semen used in the tests comes from four Ontario A.I. units, operating under the Ontario Association of Artificial Breeders. More is obtained from the B.C.A.I. Center at Milner, B.C., the American Breeders' Service, Chicago, and Codding-Armour, Foraker, Okla.

Because tests also help the A.I. units to evaluate their bulls, about 200 ampules of semen from these animals were sent free-of-charge to the Alberta Beef Cattle Performance Association (A.B.C.P.A.) for use in the progeny testing.

"We want to use as many Canadian bulls as we can," said Don McKinnon, who is A.B.C.P. Association Secretary and a brother of LK's Charlie McKinnon, "but we haven't many bulls in this country that have been on test long enough.

Some purebred men think A.I. poses a threat to their lucrative bull market. Others firmly believe this semen might contain undesirable inheritance factors, especially if drawn from southern bulls. "Calves from bulls that performed well in

the south might lack the hardiness factors needed for Canadian conditions," one purebred official explained.

Calves available for test feeding this fall will include Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Charolais, Red Angus, and possibly Galloway bloodlines. As far as the A.B.C.P.A. is concerned, the more cattlemen who join the program the better. They would like to see some of the purebred men now enrolled in the Federal-Provincial Performance Test scheme take an interest.

"Semen from the 26 bulls used this year will produce calves for testing in 1963," Don McKinnon explained. "We like to get semen from as many yearling bulls as possible so we can have some information by the time they're 2 years old.

When semen is used on the range, it's examined under a microscope right on location. The idea is that if sperm cells in the semen don't appear to be very active, the semen isn't likely to do a good job of breeding. At LK Ranches, artificial breeding is carried on for about three heat periods, then a battery of bulls is turned into the herd. There are always some cows that can't be settled by A.I. Calving percentages are high with this dual method.

BOGGED down by years of ranch "tradition," beef cattle improvement is now on the march in both Canada and the United States. In fact, work on both sides of the line is gradually being co-ordinated. Performance Registry International, with headquarters in Denver, Col., is already processing breeding records for some A.B.C.P.A. members. Before this year is out, the Alberta group is expected to become a full-fledged Performance Registry International affiliate.

With the cattleman long considered an independent sort of cuss, this sort of thing breaks with tradition too. But, as LK's Charlie McKinnon puts it: "Sometimes tradition gets in the way and you have to go around it."

Live Performance-	Fed Calves				
P	REWEANING	FEEDING			
Sire	No. Calves	Adj. A.D.G. to Weaning	A.D.G. on Feed	Aver. Age at Slaughter (days)	Av. Wt./Day of Age at Slaughter
Hereford Sires					
103H	10	1.65	2.40 (9)	428	2.11
104H	10	1.82	2.64	414	2.37
106H	10	1.78	2.77	411	2.42
108H	6	1.70	2.88 (5)	397	2.46
109H	8	1.73	2.83	409	2.34
Charolais Sires	7	1.94	2.95	393	2.64
Includes progeny respectively.	of Sires 100	C, 103C, and	d 105C, wit	h 1, 5, an	d 1 calve
Holstein Sires	10	1.88	2.75	422	2.39

Includes progeny of unidentified Holstein sires used for pasture breeding.

Byron Dobson and his collie take a look at part of the recently drained dikeland, where some of his Western white-faced heifers are on pasture.





Coarse, unpalatable weeds grew here 2 or 3 years ago. Today it's a sea of timothy and alsike, yielding 3 tons or more of good hay per aere.

# RANCHING THE MARITIMES

Byron Dobson's goal is a Western-sized cattle ranch on Maritime dikeland. His lead may transform the area into a new and spectacular beef country

# by DON BARON

Field Editor

THIS summer Byron Dobson stood looking out over a field of hay that seemed to stretch to the horizon. He stood, as if in a trance, whispering, "I knew this land would produce! But I didn't know the crops would be this good."

He was standing in a sea of waving timothy and alsike heads. It was a single hay field, 125 acres in size, that would yield him 400 tons or more of hay. It was a field that would bring envy to any Alberta irrigation farmer, to any Oxford County, Ont., dairyman, or anyone else with an



A conditioner is essential to speed up the curing of heavy stands of hay he takes from dikeland.

appreciation of what good land can do. And as Dobson looked, he thought of the day, only a few short years hence, when he hoped to have a thousand acres just like these.

Dobson, a Moncton construction man, was getting the first real proof that his dream of establishing a cattle ranch of western proportions right in New Brunswick was based on more than just an active imagination. The land that he insists is just as fertile as the Mississippi delta, was proving that, if properly handled, it could produce astounding yields of forage crops.

Dobson has already bought 800 acres of that land. He has 125 of those acres in improved hay

now. He has 150 Hereford cows and heifers, with calves at foot.

And what he sees in his mind's eye is a land where beef cattle can graze on the abundant pasture, and winter on the hay produced, and where production is so heavy and costs so low that the notably low-margin beef business can be profitable.

His dream is timely, for it comes when the Federal Government's huge dikeland reclamation program is drawing to completion. Over 50,000 acres of such land has been reclaimed from the sea by that huge program in recent years. Much of it lies waiting for a lead as to how it can best be farmed.

DOBSON'S interest is natural enough. He was born on a farm along the tidal basin of the Petitcodiac River. He knew that marshland as a boy—land that was among the first to be farmed in America.

The Acadians who came to this country some 3½ centuries ago were the first to use it. They knew, from generations of experience along the European coast, the techniques of building dikes to free the marsh flatlands from the tidal sea water. And when, as pioneer settlers, they found the vast tidelands in the New Land, they turned to them to make their farms, instead of to the forested uplands.

The land they diked and farmed has been intermittently abandoned and then reclaimed in the intervening years. Dobson knew this story. But he knew one other thing too—that the soil was fertile. The unceasing coming of the tide with its cargo of silt, and then its going, leaving the silt behind, made good soil. It was so good that Dobson remembers, as a farm boy, going with gangs of men in the winter to the flats, chopping through the frozen surface layer, and then shoveling load after load of that marsh mud from the opened pits to be hauled to the uplands as fertilizer

When Dobson was a young man, the conditions were not yet ripe to make big plans for that fertile area. It is just since the war that the situation has changed. The Federal Government decided to begin reclaiming the land, much of which lay under tide water again. The Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Administration (MMRA) was set up. Heavy equipment, like back hoes and bulldozers, were brought to the area. Dikes and

dams and abboiteaux (dams fitted with valvelike arrangements which allowed the river water to drain through to the sea, but which flapped shut as the incoming tide pushed salt water against them) were constructed.

The big MMRA project freed 50,000 acres from the sea in the two provinces, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. But during those years of disuse, many farmers had abandoned the areas of dike-



Dobson scoops up "marsh mud." He says this red muck is as fertile as Mississippi delta lands.

land. When the land was reclaimed, the farmers were often not there to make use of the land once more. Many farmers who still remained showed little interest in seizing the opportunity to put that new land back into heavy production.

It was into such a situation that Dobson walked a few years ago. And one day, as he stood on a hill with a local farmer, who was an old acquaintance, overlooking a several-hundred-acre block of newly diked land in the Shepody dam area, he wondered out loud: "Would it be possible to trace the ownership of that land, and buy it from the people or the estates that own it?"

"It probably would," answered the surprised friend, wondering why the question was put.

It wasn't an idle question. Dobson is both a dreamer and a man of action. And when he undertakes something, he does it with an awesome enthusiasm and determination. Starting as a farmer, he has become one of the Maritimes biggest house-builders. He has built them by the dozens each year. And when he takes up a hobby, he does it with the same full-speed-ahead determination.

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# RANCHING IN THE MARITIMES—Continued



A dam was placed on the site of Shepody, once an important shipbuilding town. Now, 5,600 acres of marshland are protected from the tidal waters.

He was an enthusiastic and skilled golfer at one time. He is an ardent water skier today, gliding over the water as gleefully as do his three grown children. He has been a ball player.

And when suddenly, on the hill, it occurred to him that the time had come to deal with that dikeland, he resolved to do something himself. With the kind of machinery available, he believed he could handle a thousand acres of it. He could grow hay and pasture, and turn the place into a ranch rivaling some cattle spreads of the Alberta foothills.

He saw in the dikeland the best farmland still available in America, and much of it was lying abandoned.

He wrote letters, and made phone calls, and he did accomplish his goal. He bought that one entire block of dikeland that he had looked on with his friend. It consisted of 475 acres. He bought more a few miles away at Hopewell. He had some across the river too—land he had bought earlier to get the wood when he was in lumbering.

He took bulldozers into his land, and back hoes to dig out or gouge out main drainage ditches. He took breaking plows to turn over the heavy growth of salt grass and other marsh weeds. He devised a new method of draining it too. Instead of digging deep and narrow ditches at intervals through the fields, which would act as barriers to field work, he crowned up the land in a succession of dales, with only a shallow groove between each one. He uses a simple German-made ditcher to keep those grooves cleaned out.

He used a rototiller to break the land, then he limed it with 3 to 5 tons to the acre. He applied 200 pounds of superphosphate to the acre as well, and seeded the fields to timothy and alsike clover with oats as a nurse crop. With the

results of that program now beginning to show, he can hardly contain his enthusiasm. "Land like this," he says, "will grow these big crops for years. You don't need to keep adding fertilizer and lime. You just come and cut it every year and keep those ditches open."

EVEN his costs have been surprisingly low. He bought the rough land for as little as \$15 per acre. Once he has it in full production, his total costs have risen to about \$50 or \$60 per acre.

With his land beginning to grow those heavy forage crops, he first bought a good 40-cow herd of Herefords from a local breeder. They are remarkably big and well-bred cattle. Then, he headed west and bought 110 more white-faced heifers, selecting them on ranches where size and ruggedness were apparent. He plans to increase the herd to 300 breeding cows soon—maybe this fall—and then to 500.

The management program he has in mind will go something like this: Cows will be bred at any time of the year, because the clover hay he grows, when cut early, will be sufficiently high in protein to keep the cows milking winter or summer.

He plans to grow the calves to about 700 pounds on grass and hay, because that is how cheapest gains are made. Then he will feed them good hay and enough grain to put them to a market finish at about 1,000 pounds. He sees a place for corn in his program too—for stored as silage, it could provide the fattening ration he needs, and it would reduce his dependence on Western feed grains. He plans to grow 20 acres of corn next year.

Dobson is confident that it will pay. If it does, it could be the spark that will transform a section of the Maritimes into a new and spectacular beef country.



This year, Dobson put up a pole-type barn with open front for his cows. It is 180 ft. long by 44 ft. wide, and the yard extends 200 ft. in front.

# AGRICULTURE and the ECM

by NORMAN L. GOODLAND

Following the recent exchange of views by Commonwealth members, Britain's decision on entry into the European Common Market draws nearer. A British journalist and broadcaster, who specializes in international agricultural affairs, comments on this issue which will affect us all

AT the time of writing, we are warned by the popular press over here that Great Britain may not be able to enter the European Common Market after all. The reason given is that our Government cannot get the safeguards and guarantees for Commonwealth trade, without which, it has promised, it will not join.

Before we take off our hats to the altruism of the British negotiators, we must not lose sight of the fact that the present Government is in a very bad way in regard to its prestige and popularity. If its negotiations with the ECM fail, growing public contempt for it may force an election in which it would be swept from power. The Opposition press suggests that this being the case, British negotiators will give way on the Commonwealth issue, if they can find some means of pretending that they have not.

This is a monstrous suggestion to us all. However ruthless Commonwealth Governments can be toward each other when it comes to preserving individual business interests, we ordinary people of the older Commonwealth countries know that we belong to each other. Should any one of our governments proceed on a course which might split the family, it would have to accept the bitterness of us all. If anyone has doubts about this, a few moments of conversation with South Africans of British origin will dispel them. To us ordinary citizens of the Commonwealth, it seems incredible that Great Britain herself should even think of such a course.

Notwithstanding, there are some pretty grim facts behind the British decision to negotiate with the European Common Market. It is odd that the British farming world should have divined them rather more clearly than most. British farmers know that the European Common Market differs from other "common markets" being formed at present in that its basis is politico-military; that United States pressure on British foreign policy cannot have the same sentiments as regards our Commonwealth that we have ourselves; and, that while fear of Communism exists, all other activities in the European area will be subordinated to it.

British farmers therefore see the reorganization of European agriculture within this framework. They feel that some form of European union is inevitable, but by no means welcomed as far as British farming is concerned. The only recourse for farming is, therefore, to put up a fight for the best that can be got from developments over which it has no control. It may well be that farmers throughout the Commonwealth regard the situation similarly.

However, it would be wrong to suggest that agricultural reorganization in Europe is the result of politico-military, or even industrial considerations. Some sort of agricultural reorganization was bound to arise in Europe, as it is doing in other parts of the world. This writer feels that if we can discipline ourselves to remove our noses from our own immediate grindstones, and look at what

is happening in Europe against the background of the *world* farming situation, we will see that present agricultural developments here point to a more fundamental problem than that local to Europe.

IT might be that some of us have an aversion to South African politics, but this is a very sound agricultural country. We should not, therefore, be blinded to any agricultural wisdom which may come out of it, especially when such wisdom can assist us in seeing the world farming situation as

In regard to this statement, it may seem on the surface that the ECM is endeavoring to do just that—get together to adjust members' aims to make sense. But there is one feature about the whole set-up—apart from the non-agricultural one discussed above—which strikes us whichever way we look at it. It is this. That as regards dealing with European farm surpluses, the solutions planned at this stage by the ECM are primarily local in character. Having observed this, we may feel that the ECM falls into its place as the largest of many similar "common markets" which have

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One of his main concerns is to keep relationships between Commonwealth nations strong, and to do what he can to this end.

Mr. Goodland (left) is shown here chatting with a Hampshire farm worker of long acquaintance.



it really is. Mr. J. C. P. Cilliers, assistant director of the South African Agricultural Union, after attending the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Jugoslavia, had this to say:

"We wrestled with the problem that . . . the people who so urgently need food cannot pay for it, and those producing an abundance cannot get rid of it, and are being penalized for their productive efficiency by having their price levels depressed."

He also said: "The most disturbing factor which came to light at the Conference was that food importing countries aimed to produce more and to import less, and some have been planning to become exporters, while present exporting countries plan to export even more . . .

"Considering that every pound of food exported by one country must be imported by another country, exports of food must therefore always equal world imports. It is clear how crazy these individual plans are in their aggregate, yet you cannot get the various countries together to adjust their aims to make sense."

been formed, and are being formed, to deal with *local* farm surpluses and other agricultural difficulties in other parts of the world.

The United Kingdom, as far as agriculture is concerned, has been a "common market" for specified areas of the world for a long time. It is important to remember that whether Great Britain goes into the ECM or not, the system of Commonwealth preferences as they stand are no longer practicable in view of farm surplus problems within the United Kingdom.

Africa is full of "common market" ideas and plans. In South Africa, for example, the agricultural industry is turning its attention to a vast internal African market still waiting to be fully developed. Economic necessity—and perhaps a feeling of growing isolation due to politics—is bringing about awareness of the need for better training and management of agricultural labor, increased agricultural efficiency, and the creation of a larger market for agricultural and industrial products, with a subsequent rise in the standard of living for all.

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# ROYAL BANK



J. E. McArthur

The Royal Bank of Canada has announced the appointment of J. E. McArthur as Agricultural Representative with headquarters in the Ontario General Manager's Department, Toronto. Manager for the past nine years of the bank's Belleville, Ont., Branch, Mr. McArthur, who takes up his new duties in October, is widely known in agricultural circles through his participation in the 4-H Club movement and other activities involving farm and rural life. In his new post, Mr. McArthur will travel throughout Canada on behalf of the bank.



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# AGRICULTURE AND THE ECM-Continued

Dependent territories in East Africa are considering creation of their own "common market." But Rhodesia has the idea of supplying Europe as an associate.

If we look to the Americas, and to Australasia, we see the embryo of other agricultural trade regroupings to deal primarily with local agricultural conditions. But the common feature of them all is this: regarded in their true perspective, they reveal themselves as necessary expedients to deal principally with *local* problems arising from the main one—the world farm problem, which is as Mr. Cilliers pointed out, the present inability of agricultural surpluses to be economically transferred to the areas most in need of food.

Whether the organizers of these "common markets" themselves realize it or not, these groupings cannot be permanent. With the *world* problem still barely touched, time must reveal their true nature — that of expediency. In none of them is this so plainly evident as in the background facts of the ECM.

A MONG the largest surpluses in the ECM are wheat, with France as the center of overproduction; and dairy products, with the Netherlands as the center. The ECM plans to deal with this surplus as follows. The main exports of wheat are to Britain, Lebanon and the French Community. Wheat flour is also exported to Britain and, in fact, to Ceylon and the Commonwealth. Should Great Britain join the ECM, there will be pressures upon her to take in more of the ECM wheat production. This is one of the reasons why we have been warned all along of the reluctance of the ECM to make satisfactory arrangements with Canada and Australia.

The ECM envisages a vast increase in its beef production. The object of this — together with an increased pig-meat production — is also to help use up surpluses in grain. In this connection, home barley growing is to be increased, and importation of barley correspondingly discouraged. Again, to serve the new meat program, there is a plan to make great increases in home-grown maize.

Beef production is not only to help deal with the grain surpluses it is also intended to try and offset the dairy surplus problem.

If the situation could be rendered static, it might be possible to enter into arrangements with Commonwealth suppliers of wheat-Canada and Australia: of maize, East and South Africa; of dairy products, New Zealand, Australia and Canada; of barley, Canada and Australia, and to provide outlets for East African pig-meat or even beef. But, put at its best, it could offer no real expansion on the present trade of these countries with Great Britain and the ECM, except in the case of maize for the meat program. This latter would last only until such time as the aimed-for ECM selfsufficiency program is achieved, which is supposed to be by 1965.

But the situation *cannot* remain static in regard to European food

surpluses and for this reason. Whereever there are surpluses and falling prices to the producer, the reaction is to try and produce more to make up for the falling farm income. European farming journals in no way differ from those in Canada-in that they are filled with glowing descriptions of how to achieve record production at record low cost. No matter what farming conference you go to, the theme is the samehow to produce at the peak of efficiency, which means the maximum production at the lowest possible cost. And if the farm products about which any particular conference is interested are in surplus supply, the tendency is to emphasize this theme still further-not to tell the producers to cut down on output and thereby decrease their income.

Again, if you attend any of the larger national farming conferences, or seek official agricultural advice anywhere, it is very evident that in the interests of farming efficiency, the general tendency of agricultural thought in Europe today is toward the large-farming unit. That may seem logical in Canada, but it is a different kettle of fish on a continent where farming has been fragmentized into medium to small farm units for many centuries.

Small farmers are being pressured to form syndicates, and, in France, the intention seems to be to put "inefficient" peasant farmers to other occupations, and to amalgamate their holdings to make larger producing units. Big business is busy encouraging this so as to integrate farming with large-scale retail supply. This cannot but give enormous impetus to ECM agricultural production, already up in the ECM countries by one-third since the war, and in the U.K. by two-thirds.

T is obvious that overproduction will go on and increase in Europe. In due course it will overtake present plans to deal even with the most pressing agricultural surpluses. The only way to beat this is to limit production by quota, which must limit the income of the producer—already hard-pressed if he is a medium to small farmer. This is a complete negation of the whole idea of the ECM, as far as agriculture is concerned.

Further than this, the future of trying to deal with European over-production primarily upon the local scale, must also mean that arrangements now being entered into with outside suppliers of agricultural commodities, must be overtaken.

Far from being a sensible "gettogether" to adjust agricultural aims to make sense, the ECM, like other local "common markets," does against the background of the world farming situation, reveal itself basically as an attempt at a more equitable sharing of the headache of increased farm production among those locally responsible for it.

Until very recently, there has been little evidence of a lively general awareness of the real root of all our problems—how to transfer food surpluses economically to the people who need them most.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who inereasingly shows himself as one of the most enlightened and effective Royal personages this country has ever produced, lends his weight to a campaign to raise funds and means to help backward areas toward better agricultural production themselves. There are limits to this. In areas of direst need there is room and time only for the production of quick-growing, bulk crops. These do not provide sufficient protein levels for normal human health. It must be done, of course, and will help, but it still does not solve the problem of what we are going to do with overproduction elsewhere in the world, or cut down on the need to transfer it to such areas.

The fact is that whether or not Britain enters the ECM will have little effect on overall world farming surplus difficulties. Her preferential system cannot go on for ever, whatever she decides. Even before the ECM was organized, Australia and New Zealand were aware of the increasing difficulties of supplying agricultural products to Europe even to an area of preference. For some years they have been searching for alternative markets and new products, because the growth prospects of even the U.K. markets were realized to be insufficient for them.

WE have, of course, left out large agricultural interests in Europe of such countries as the U.S. and Argentina. The possibility of an agricultural trade war to supply Europe looms greater than the present awareness of it, or attempts to prevent it. It is perhaps wiser for ali concerned to do what is expedient with Europe while opportunities exist, but to bend the main effort toward reducing agricultural dependence upon her. The time must come when no one agricultural exporter to the ECM will gain advantage, unless it be at the expense of others. This may not be so with commodities the ECM cannot produce herself. But narrowed to these, world competition will be intense.

Local agricultural problems such as Europe now faces can never be properly resolved until the agricultural producers of the world get together to deal with their *real* cause: what to do with the world's agricultural surpluses, and how to get them to the areas of need.

This problem cuts across the ideologies which now divide the world. If you lived in India, for example, you would know that it is already more important than them. This writer believes that whether Britain goes in with the ECM or not, Commonwealth producers could make a long step in the right direction by getting together to begin to deal with the main world problem. If British leadership is faltering, there are other Commonwealth countries which could, and should, take the initiative in this matter. Such a gathering might well be the precursor to the world organization of agriculture Mr. Cilliers advocates, also supported by the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales:

"We should develop policies on a world-wide basis – not on a limited front. This is also essential to Europe's agricultural problems." V

# Father and Son Make a Deal

A straight business proposition, not a gift, has given Jim McKinney his independence and a start in farming

by RICHARD COBB

You want your boys to have a good education, and then to offer them a worthwhile future on the farm. It's easy to say, but how on earth do you do it? Lloyd McKinney seems to have an answer—at least, his scheme has worked well so far.

Farming at Waskada, in Manitoba's southwest corner, Lloyd has two sons, Jim and Bill. Jim is the elder and has a diploma in agriculture from the University of Manitoba; Bill may be going for a degree in agriculture and, if he does, the farm will be kept going somehow during his long absence. But is there a future for them as farmers?

The way Lloyd figured it out, there had to be a partnership agreement, and there needed to be some means of financing his sons' shares in the partnership. Jim graduated last year with honors, and being 21 he became eligible for a loan from the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation. This is a provincial government agency which makes a special feature of helping young men to become established on farms. Lloyd couldn't afford to give his son a farm, so Jim used the M.A.C. loan to buy a section and a quarter of land from his father, the loan being repayable at 4 per cent over 30 years. In all, Jim had four beef heifers in calf, a seed drill, and the land to contribute to a partnership with his father.

They had a lawyer draw up the partnership agreement, which gave Lloyd a 75 per cent share and Jim 25 per cent in the enterprise, McKinney Farms. Lloyd, owing to ill-health, has to confine himself to an advisory role, and helps out in such ways as going into town for supplies and spare parts. Jim handles most of the outside work, and for management and services is paid a monthly salary by the partnership. He also has his house, fuel and electricity free. Father and son keep the books jointly, usually in winter, and have them audited.

JIM is content with the arrangement. He considers that his father has treated him very generously, particularly in allocating 25 per cent of the partnership to him. He also sees good possibilities for development of their grain-livestock enterprise, possibly by buying more land, even if this meant hiring more help.

While Jim was taking the diploma course, one of the projects was to make up a plan for his family's farm. This not only set him thinking about their future, but the plan came in useful when he applied for his loan. As a result, there was no difficulty in proving his ease for credit, and he was able to figure out his needs at considerably less than \$25,000, which is the maximum allowed.

Another bonus from the diploma course is that Jim has become acquainted with the professors in the Faculty of Agriculture. They know him by his first name and he is able to go to them informally and ask for their comments on his ideas for developing the farm.

Lloyd McKinney, too, is well satisfied with the way their partnership is working out. He reckons that having his son pay his own way is a necessity, but it also gives Jim more independence and a greater incentive to suceeed than he would have if he received eash or a farm share as a gift from his father.

His younger son, Bill, says Lloyd, can have the same start if he wants it. He could be



Jim McKinney takes time out while combining a neighbor's rye to give The Guide his angle in how the partnership with his father is working.

sold a section and a quarter, the same as Jim, or he could bny some more land and bring that into the partnership. If he decided to come in, they would have the land reappraised and a new partnership agreement would be drawn up, probably dividing the shares in McKinney Farms at 50 per cent for Lloyd, 25 for Jim, and 25 for Bill.

At one time, they considered forming a company and selling shares to Bill, if he wasn't sure of how and where he would start his career. But this was ruled out because he could obtain credit only for land, not shares. However, they might form a company later, if Bill has entered the partnership.

Looking further ahead, Lloyd thinks that his sons might decide to leave their shares of the earnings in the business, while he withdraws his, and in that way they could buy him out eventually.

In the meantime, while Bill is not a partner, he is leasing a quarter-section from the partnership on a 75-25 share basis. He had 55 acres of this in flax, 25 brome-alfalfa, and 65 summerfallow this year. In addition, he is paid a wage while he works for the partnership.

In all, the McKinneys are farming about 4,500 acres, including 2,228 acres cultivated (640 acres rented) and 2,240 acres of pasture (half lease). The cultivated acreage is roughly one-third summerfallow. The principal crops are wheat, fall rye, flax, but they have also done well with seeond-crop barley. They took 12,000 bales of brome and alfalfa off 125 acres this year, and seeded another 200 acres to forage last spring. The 125 acres will probably be broken next year



Lloyd McKinney and his younger son, Bill, pause during swathing. Bill works for his father and elder brother, but is not yet in the partnership.

-56 acres of it has been down for 10 years, but it is close to their buildings and they were able to manure it regularly.

The pasture, located in the Souris Valley, is mostly "prairie wool," which cures itself after it dies and the cattle "can go right at it in the spring," says Lloyd.

They have 300 head of beef cattle, including about 120 cows and 110 calves. The rest are 1½-year-old heifers and the bottom cut of last year's steers. The herd comprises both Hereford and Angus. All heifers are bred to an Angus bull for their first ealf. They use a Hereford bull on mature Angus cows, and the Angus bull on the poorer Herefords. So they get a lot of crossbreds and find there's a good demand for them aeross the U.S. border, only a few miles away, except for heifers.

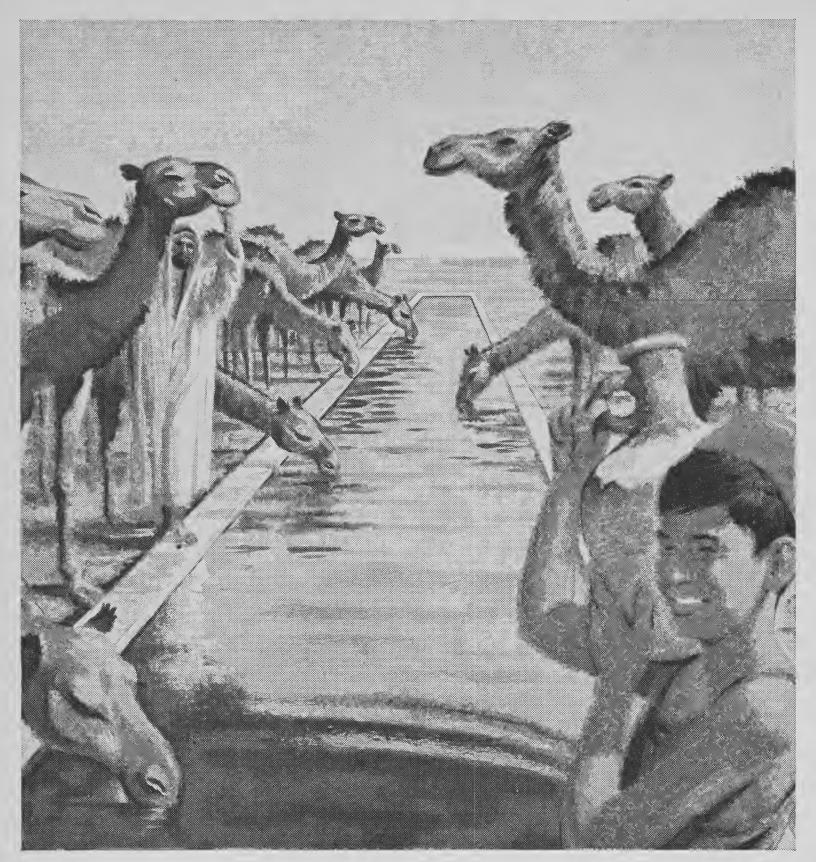
They weigh calves while fattening them and keep records of the gains. As a result, they think they may go back to straight Hereford breeding. The crossbreds are good, but show little or no advantage compared with the top Hereford or Angus. They started just recently to feed their own steers, roughing them through the first winter and then putting them back on grass. The next summer they will be grain finished (about 90 days).

Well aware of the need to keep strict records, the McKinneys list all their purebreds and grades, note down their purchases and sales, and make use of the basic herd to claim income tax exemption on its value.

All in all, Lloyd says, the partnership is a happy solution to the family farm problem. Jim is married and needs some security; Bill deserves to be offered the same opportunities as his elder brother has. The farm is continuing to develop. There is always something to learn, and they are fortunate in having many fine farmers as neighbors, and they pick up plenty of ideas from them.

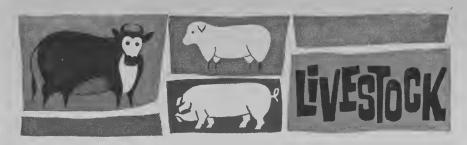
That's the way it is with farming. There's always something to learn. And one thing that might be learned from the McKinney farm is how a father and his two sons are working to a plan that could give all of them a stake in the future.  $\lor$ 

# NICKEL IN WORLD MARKETS...JOBS FOR CANADIANS



# How Canadian Nickel helps make seawater drinkable in Kuwait

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# P.E.I. Swinemen **Try Large Whites**

RINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S hogmen, who have been producing the country's leanest hogs for more years than most farmers can remember, are heading into a new era in their swine breeding program.

The unsurpassed quality of the Island's hogs in the past didn't come about by chance. It was the result of a careful breeding program in which producers tested their hogs carefully under Advanced Registry, and selected the ones for breeding stock that produced the best carcasses. New bloodlines were seldom introduced to Island herds.

Now, at the urgings of breeders like Sterling Willis, one of the Island's largest breeders, and Lew Roper, the livestock supervisor for the provincial department of agriculture, the government has decided the time has come to introduce a mammoth infusion of new blood. The Island's hogs, they say, need more vigor and strength.

It was agreed last fall that the kind of bloodlines required were those of the Large White. This is a strain of Yorkshire, popular in Britain, which is known for its size and vigor. High quality Large Whites are expensive. But the province's Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Andrew McRae, agreed that the government should support the project with financial backing. Three gilts and a boar were ordered from Scotland.

The goal was to get a broadlybased breeding group. The three gilts were selected so they would be unrelated. Each was bred to unrelated boars before being brought to Canada.

The pigs are now on the Island, stabled at the Willis farm. The gilts are farrowing their litters there, and each will be tested at the A.R. station. Two boars are being saved from the first litters, and these too will be tested.

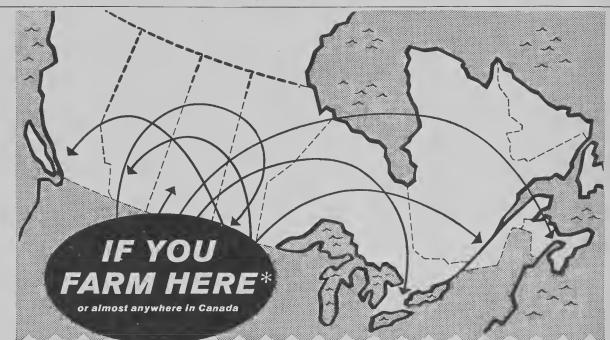
If they all measure up in the test station, and prove that they can produce high quality pigs, then the breeding stock will be made available to other breeders on the Island.

Willis, who owns one of the imported gilts himself, points out that this new program indicates a change in emphasis in breeding pigs. Like most orthodox breeders today, he says that picking breeding stock on pedigree alone will only carry you so far. "You've got to get out in the pig pen to do a real job of selection,' he says. "A pig has to please your eye. Once you've found one that looks right, that's the time to examine the pedigree," he believes. "Get

a pig that looks right, and that has sound pedigree for producing quality pigs, and you'll likely have a pig that will do the job for you."—D.R.B.



Sterling Willis of P.E.I. sizing up one of the imported Large White boars.



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# LIVESTOCK



Some of the test steers on pasture during CDA meat production experiment.

# Holstein vs. Shorthorn Steers

**7**HEN it comes to meat production, Holstein steers and Holstein-Shorthorn crossbreds will outgain straight Shorthorns. But straight Shorthorns produce carcasses that grade higher under standards of the Canada Department of Agriculture. This conclusion can be drawn from trials carried on by CDA reseachers, involving 93 steers over a

W. A. Jordan reports that some of the Holsteins, Shorthorns, and crossbreds, were finished as fed-yearlings and others were raised to go to mar-ket as "medium" steers or 2-year-

Among the fed-yearlings (to be marketed at 1 year) the Holsteins made an average daily gain from birth of 1.72 lb., while the crossbreds were only slightly behind at 1.70 lb. The Shorthorns averaged 1.62 lb.

Among the steers marketed as 2-year-olds, the Holsteins averaged gains of 1.48 lb. per day, crossbreds 1.42 lb., and Shorthorns 1.32 lb.

Jordan says that Holsteins, and to a lesser extent crossbreds, tended to grow at the expense of putting on fat, during their first year. The Shorthorns gave the highest dressing percentage, and the highest grade, producing smoother, more highly fin-ished carcasses than the leaner, heavier type produced by Holsteins.

Crossbreds were intermediate in this respect. However, the Holsteins and the crossbreds did producé carcasses with larger eyes of lean, both in the yearling and 2-year-old groups.

In most cases the Shorthorns reached market finish at a younger age than did the Holsteins. The crossbreds reached market finish rapidly too.-D.R.B.

# **Give Ewes Proper Care**

OLD will not harm sheep if they have good feed and are sheltered from storms. Specialists at Macdonald College, Que., recommend that sheep should have access to an exercise yard at all times, except during a storm or if they are menaced by dogs, when they should be brought in at night.

Another important point is to feed a good quality hay to bred ewes, but keep the best legume hay for pregnant and nursing ewes in February March, and April. A poor hay should be supplemented with a 50-50 mixture of oats and barley at 1/2 lb. per head per day. Salt and mineral mix should be available always. Iodine is needed, too, in most parts of Eastern Canada.

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# Tips for Stall Barns

LTHOUGH loose housing units are cheaper to build and operate than stall barns, some dairymen still prefer the latter. Breeders who sell cattle find stall barns best because tied animals can be inspected easily. If a stall-type barn is planned, states the Alberta Department of Agriculture, the following principles should be followed wherever possible.

- 1. Face cows outward for maximum efficiency.
- 2. Install sweep-in mangers to make feeding and cleaning easier.
- 3. Allow for herd and feed storage expansion.
- 4. Locate the milk house conveniently to save steps.
- 5. Use mechanical equipment for handling materials.
- 6. Store materials in a convenient place with chutes to transport them.
- 7. Allow a minimum width of 32 ft. for two rows of cows.
- 8. Provide adequate cross-alleys to save steps.
- 9. Build larger stalls to reduce injuries (cows can be kept cleaner

in a longer stall if you use cow trainers).

10. Provide suitable pens for sick, injured and pregnant cows.

11. Provide adequate ventilation. -C.V.F.

# **Should Heifers Be Bred at 10 Months?**

DAIRY farmer will find some definite advantages in breeding heifers early, but one big disadvantage makes this a poor practice. The problem is that the heifers are small at calving time and they have trouble giving birth.

At the University of Wisconsin, E. W. Wickersham and L. H. Schultz made tests and came to the conclusion that it might be profitable to breed well-fed heifers at 10 months, if the calving problem could be solved. There would, of course, be an earlier return on investment compared with the usual 18month breeding age. It could also result in an extra lactation and an extra calf per cow.

The heifers bred at 10 months in their tests compared favorably with heifers bred at 14 and 18 months in conception rate, production and growth. But calving difficulties were severe among the young heifers. Out of 8 that calved at about 20 months of age, 7 needed considerable help during delivery. In two groups of older heifers, only about half had any difficulty, and it was much less severe.

The calving problem will not be easy to solve. One possibility might be to select bulls for ability to produce small calves, but there is no information on this and it will be hard to get. Another way to make calving easier might be to breed young dairy heifers to beef bulls, but this would eliminate possible herd replacement.

The tests showed that 14 to 17 months is the breeding age for wellfed Holstein heifers, and that little is to be gained by delaying breeding beyond this age. It is not practical to breed at younger ages until a satisfactory way is found to ease calving.

# Cooling in Wooden Tank

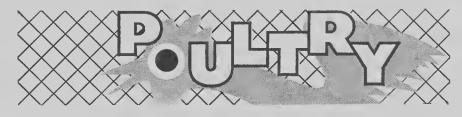
IF you don't have mechanical refrigeration, a wooden tank can be used for cooling milk and cream. J. R. Findlay, Alberta dairy inspector, says that both milk and cream should be cooled below 50°F, as soon as possible after milking, and be kept at that temperature until they are shipped.

Use water piped directly from the well. If it passes through the cooling tank on its way to the stock watering trough, you are sure that it is changed frequently. The tank should be deep enough to allow the water to come above the shoulders of the

# **Pecking Is Not That Simple**

THERE are five parts to a single peck, according to two Scottish researchers. After watching poultry pecking grain, they listed these phases: (1) interval between pecks, including taking aim; (2) striking; (3) taking hold of feed, (4) withdrawal; (5) jerking grain into throat.

They say that birds strike with considerable force, more with the action of a mechanical digger than a pair of forceps. They recorded only



one miss. Fourteen beak openings and closings were observed in one peck as the bird jerked the grain to the throat. It was also noticed that the rate of pecking faded in hot conditions, but was more accurate. V

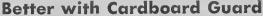
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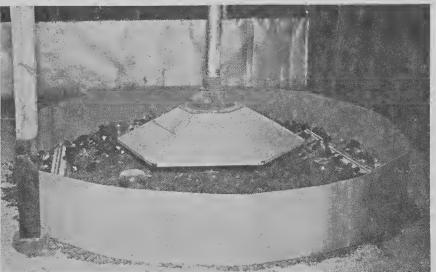
**Turkeys Happy?** 

EXTREME cold, extreme heat, and other inclement weather cause stress in turkeys which can result in slower growth and poorer market finish. R. M. Blakely of the Swift Current Experimental Farm, Sask., says that these major stresses are easily recognized, but there are a great many minor ones which, over a period, can do as much harm to the turkey flock.

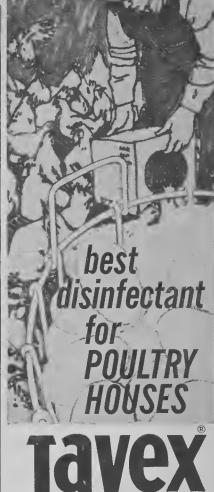
He points out that small day-today irregularities in feeding and management may seem unimportant, but they do put the birds under nervous tension and stress. A shortage of water or feed (even for an hour or two), competition between two ages of birds, shortage of feeder space, overcrowding, rough handling, etc., all come into this category. Nervous tension interferes with the digestive processes of turkeys, just as it does with humans.

Mr. Blakely sums it up with a simple question — are your turkeys happy?





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# Rundown on **Temporary Grain Storage**

F you have to provide emergency storage for grain, you'll be interested in some good advice from Jack Peck of Saskatchewan's family farm improvement branch.

The six common types of storage are: (1) open piles of grain; (2) straw or hay bales piled with plastic top and bottom; (3) woven wire with posts 3 or 4 ft. apart; (4) snow fence bins; (5) plywood bins; (6) reinforced old buildings.

Before deciding which to use, it's worth noting that temporary storage is not necessarily cheaper in the longrun than permanent storage. For example, investment for a round or rectangular or arch-rafter granary, with a concrete floor, is 10 to 20 cents per bushel, depending on size. Temporary storage with plastic covering a conical pile is 2 to 3 cents, and an open plywood bin with plastic floor and covering is 5 to 7 cents. Over 5 to 10 years, the yearly investment in plastic cover would exceed the yearly charge for more permanent storage'.

Jack Peck points out that losses can be high in emergency storage. A University of Saskatchewan study showed that loss from open grain piles, mainly bottom spoilage, was 2.5 per cent, and from piles protected by fencing and sheaves it was 3.7 per cent. Unprotected field piles of wheat lost as much as 10 per cent, but this was reduced in sheltered areas on sod, or with a layer of straw that was well coned, or where there was protection without pockets to catch moisture.

An open grain pile should be on high ground, well drained, and with a plastic sheet on the bottom to reduce the heaviest source of damagemoisture. Pile the grain in a cone with an auger to allow it to shed moisture, and leave it free of foot marks or pockets.

A straw or hay bale shelter should have bales butted end to end in a circle, with one bale overlapping the one below. Three to four bales is high enough for the wall, which should be bound with page wire or barbed wire to resist outward pressure. The cone of grain on top needs a covering of loose hay, straw, sheaves, or plastic.

For the wire type, set posts 3 to 4 ft. apart in a 15 to 20 ft. diameter circle, with page wire nailed to the insides of the posts. The inside of the woven-wire shelter can be lined with sheaves or reinforced plastic.

Snow-fence hins, 15 to 50 ft. in diameter, need a lining of heavy wax-type building paper in 8 to 10 ft. sheets, overlapping the paper to prevent ripping under pressure from the grain. Fill from the center and, when almost full, fold the top of the building paper toward the center so that moisture will not leak into the pile. Cover the cone with plastic, sheaves, or bales.

A round plywood bin, 16 ft. diameter and 4 or 8 ft. high, using about 6 sheets (per layer) of 4 by 8 ft. plywood, with plastic top and bottom, makes good temporary storage. Join ends of sheets with 4 in. strips, one inside and one outside a 2 in. by 4 in. Load bin from the center with an auger for even stress.

Black plastic sheeting is preferable for coverings. Clear plastic allows ultra-violet rays through, causing grain to deteriorate and, also, some farmers say that ducks mistake clear plastic for water and damage both themselves and the plastic when trying to land there.

Old buildings make good temporary storage, says Jack Peck, but walls and floors usually need reinforcement to take the strain. Plastic on walls and floors keeps moisture out, and make cleaning easier.

The temporary storages mentioned are good for the short term, but reckons you should have Peck enough permanent storage at least for your average carryover of grain in the spring. This will vary, but it might be 15 to 20 bushels per seeded acre in many cases.

# When Does **Tobacco Glow?**

DEVICE which measures the A temperature at which a powdered sample of tobacco glows has been developed at the University of Wisconsin. The advantage of the new instrument is that it can test very small samples, as little as onetenth of a gram.

The former standard test, known as "leaf burn," consisted of touching the tobacco briefly with a hot wire, while the tester counted the number of seconds that the leaf glowed. The new device is a 15" ceramic cylinder along which the temperature gradually increases. A small sieve containing tobacco is moved over this element, spilling a fine stream of powdered tobacco as it goes. The point at which the powder "sparkles" indicates its ignition temperature.

After taking several readings with the same sample, it was found that they varied by only about 8°. Variations between different samples were as high as 82°.

The new instrument is being used by plant breeders in the development of new strains of cigar tobacco which will burn better.

# Fall Seeding for **Overworked Pasture**

L ATE fall, October 10 to freeze-up, is a good time to seed a stubble field with a forage mixture of grass and alfalfa. Dave Heinrichs of the Swift Current Experimental Farm, Sask., points out many of the old pastures have been denuded in recent years, and there is also an increase in livestock which need more and better pastures, and good quality hay.

The general pasture situation on most farms appears to be bleak, he says. Native grass, and even crested wheatgrass, have been grazed out and weeds are taking their place. No new seed was developed on the grass because of intense overgrazing, and therefore no natural reseeding. Such pastures are doomed to low production unless something is done about them. He considers that it will pay to work them up and seed them to a grass-alfalfa mixture, which will carry 3 or 4 times as many cattle.

Heinrichs recommends that several pastures should be developed, so that they can be grazed alternately. Also that more of the presently cultivated grass should be seeded to pasture, in order to avoid overgrazing and a repeat of pastures which are nothing more than standing corrals.

For hay, he recommends Rambler alfalfa with crested wheatgrass, brome, or intermediate wheatgrass; for pasture, Rambler alfalfa with Russian wild rye or crested wheatgrass.

# Rapeseed **Infection Spreads**

IF there was a white rust—downy mildew on the rapeseed crop this year, don't plant rape on the same 2 years in a row, or on a field beside the infected field. O. G. Bratvold of the Alberta Crop Improvement Service says that the increase of white rust-downy mildew this summer was due partly to cool, wet weather, but rape planted on rape stubble also played an important part in this increase.

The disease is caused by two fungi that distort the flowers. The first signs are usually white powdery masses developing on the surface of leaves. These white masses, which are millions of white spores, later turn brown and resistant spores form inside. During the harvest, fragments of diseased plants are mixed with the seed or fall to the ground, where the fungi overwinter. So use clean seed and treat it with chemical containing Captan.

# **Check Stored Grain**

RAIN in storage should be checked at least every 2 weeks for hotspots, moisture, insects, mites, molds, odors, and crusted surfaces. J. Hoes of the Morden Experimental Farm, Man., advises you to take prompt action if grain begins to spoil. Remove the spots that are heating, or move the entire bulk and fumigate where necessary. Agricultural representatives and elevator agents can help you to find a remedy if a serious situation develops.

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# Be Sure of **Next Year's Roses**

HERE'S some advice on protecting repeat-flowering roses during winter. John Walker of the University of Manitoba says that you should restrict watering and feeding in the fall, rather than try to keep plants in vigorous growth until freeze-up. Cut back tall, candelabralike shoots before applying a winter mulch-these shoots are very pithy and are unlikely to survive the winter. Rake up and burn leaves that have been affected by black spot, powdery mildew, or spider mites

The best time to apply protective winter covering is around November 1, when the weather is cool and the soil surface is frozen. The best covering is a cone of sand, or soil mix, and plastic or other material that will keep the sand dry. If you cover with leaves or other vegetation, there is a greater risk of damage by mice.

In spring, when bud growth is evident, remove the winter covering gradually and carefully, usually in early May. Injury to roses occurs

most frequently in spring through freezing and thawing. The first spring pruning can be done around May 24.

# Doubling **Apple Storage**

THERE'S a way to give a new lease of life to Spartan apples in storage. Spartan, grown in B.C. and Nova Scotia, has a normal storage life of 3 to 4 months. But Dr. S. W. Porritt reports that tests in controlled - atmosphere storage during the past 3 years at the Summerland Research Station, B.C., show that apples can be kept in good condition for doulle the normal period. This is done by maintaining 2 to 3 per cent oxygen and 5 to 7 per cent carbon dioxide in the room.

So far, no storage disorders have been encountered in fruit kept by this method for 6 to 8 months. But further tests are needed with fruit grown under a great range of conditions, harvested at different sizes and stages of maturity, before the method is given full approval for commercial use.



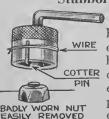
### Road Drag-Snow Plow

Two steel tractor rims, bolted together in the middle, plus two eye bolts, a length of chain or cable, and a clevis can be hitched to the tractor. This device makes a very efficient road drag in summer for smoothing



out ruts on driveways and lanes. In winter, it is surprising what a good job it will do in clearing the driveway of snow, ridging the fields, or making paths between buildings. -R.A.M., Alta.

### Stubborn Nut



When a nut has badly round-WIRE ed corners and is hard to move, it COTTER can be done easily if a cotter pin is first placed over the rim of a socket. Wire the pin to the socket, tap the socket onto the nut with light hammer blows.-H.G., N.S. ∨

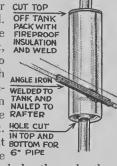
## For Traction

A bag of poultry grit in the trunk of the car may be a life-saver when the car is stuck on icy roads. The grit won't freeze, and when it is spread on the ice, the sharpness of the grains gives the tires a good grip. -R.Ă.M., Ălta.

## Chimney for Garage

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tank, cut a 6" hole through the center of it, pass the pipe through it and replace it in its original position on the tank. Weld all seams. Finally, weld a 1" angle-iron to the tank and nail it to a rafter for a support.-E.M., Man.



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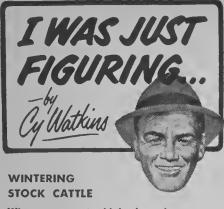
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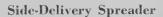
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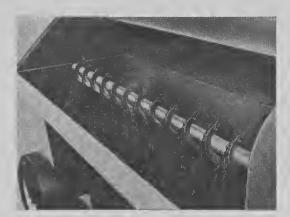


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# mixed catch

# by JOHN S. CRAWFORD

HE Australian shepherd had been dozing, nose between forepaws, on the gravel. But now he raised his head, ears cocked alert, sniffing the breeze and listening. He caught it again. The dog sprang up, growling.

There it was. It had come on the quick shifting of the wind, but it was almost a knowledge beyond scent. For a few seconds it was urgent and clear, detectable even above the smell of the carcass up-river. Then, just as quickly, it was

The dog whimpered softly. For a moment he stood tense and still. Suddenly he leaped ahead, dashed across the gravel, bounded through the birch and willow cover and stopped on a rocky point fifty yards upstream. He watched the bend of the river for several minutes. Finally he turned, and, stopping twice to look back upstream, trotted down to the gravel bar where his master was fishing.

His master, Dr. Jess Carlisle, a dentist with the Alaska Native Service, had just landed a rainbow from western Alaska's Nuyakuk River. Jess rapped the trout's head against a boulder, then, for a moment, held the fish in the frigid current, washing away the sand and blood. He opened the willow creel and slid the trout in with the other two rainbows and one grayling, smiling as he saw how the snout and tail had to push up a little to fit in the bottom.

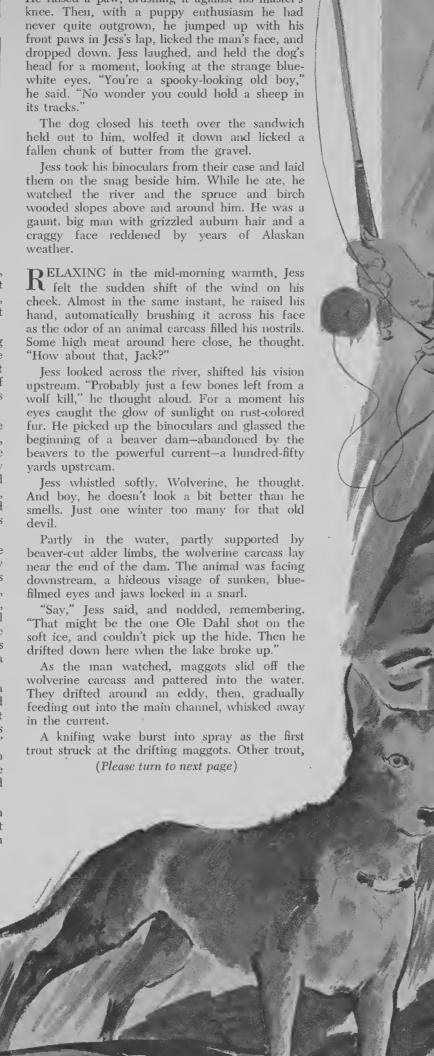
"We called a good shot when we first took a look at this country, Jack," Jess said as he walked with his dog over to a drift snag. He squinted at the sun, then checked the guess against his watch. "Still early yet, but my belly's huggin' my backbone. We'll have us a quick sandwich before we go after 'em again." He set his tackle down where a pack and a .30-'06 rifle leaned against the snag.

Unbuckling the pack, Jess pulled out a cloth sugar sack filled with their lunch. He grinned at his dog as he unwrapped the waxed paper from

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two corned beef sandwiches. "Think it's about time, too, huh?"

The shepherd thumped his tail on the gravel. He raised a paw, brushing it against his master's white eyes. "You're a spooky-looking old boy,"





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finning in the slack current behind boulders, saw the maggots tumble over the swirling, light blue pattern of the surface. Rainbow and dolly varden fed in quick-stabbing silver flashes. Arctic grayling arrowed from the depths, clearing the water in erescents of bronze and gun-steel blue, taking the maggots as they arced down.

"Well, that's Thanksgiving for Jess laughed. "Maybe with them." maggots in the water it'd be a good idea to change flies.'

S Jess picked up his fly rod, the A dog growled and rose stiffly from the gravel. He trotted, growling and whining, to the head of the bar.

Jess watched intently. "What's bothering you, old lad?" he asked quietly: "Bear crossing up there?"

The dog raised his nose in the wind. His nostrils quivered. He moved his head slowly from side to side. His nose sampled the cool, sterile scent blowing off the high snow, then the warm, resinous smells of the forest. But the overpowering scent of the wolverinc and the corned-beef smell diffused with other scents in his nostrils to mask the full message in the air. The elusive, wind-borne hint of something else was now lost.

The dog, still whimpering, trotted back to Jess, stopping several times to look over his shoulder.

Smiling, Jess gently pushed the dog's nose with his cupped hand. "Everything okay then, old timer?" Jess had learned years ago how interesting and sometimes important it could be to pay attention to his dog's reactions. Even as a pup on the eastern Oregon sheep ranch where Jess had bought the dog on one of his rare trips to the "outside," Jack had shown the almost uncanny instincts that mark a dog as outstanding where merely competent stock dogs are taken for granted.

Jess studied the upriver terrain with his binoculars for several minutes, then swept his field of vision downsteam to watch the fish break water below the beaver dam.

He put the binoculars back in their case, and handed his dog another sandwich. "This is too good to miss, Jack," he said. "I'll have to eat later

Pulling open a jackknife, he cut the Grizzly King from the leader and knotted on a tiny White Miller.

This is earning a good fish . . . getting this close to the wolverine, Jess thought. He dropped the fly on the swirling water where he had seen grayling rise for maggots.

For a moment the fly drifted high and balanced. Then purple-bronze glinted in a darting shadow. The grayling didn't jump, and for an instant hung poised beneath the fly, then rose barely dimpling the surface. Triggered to react, Jess arced the rod in a quick snap-back with his forearm. The hook missed and the rod whipped the line back in a hissing curve over his shoulder.

Jess reeled in the slack line and was reaching out to catch the leader for examination, when his dog made a rumbling growl. Turning, he saw the hair stiffen on the dog's back.

Then, with a sudden sharp, shrill bark as if he had been struck, the dog bolted. He dashed over the bar, up the bank and into the forest. Jess saw him break out near the point, race along an open strip where the forest fell away to meadow, and go out of sight at the river's bend.

"Well, something's up, that's sure!" Jess dropped his rod at the snag, grabbed the rifle, and scrambled after his dog.

WHEN Jess found him, the dog was climbing out of the river on the far bank. He bounded upstream, and plunged back into the river some fifty yards above a drift spruce trapped in the rocks.

Puffing and sweating, Jess shaded his eyes and looked at the spruce. The freshets of spring had washed out its roots, swept it downstream, and wedged it between two boulders. Bowed by the force of the river, its base and roots jammed against the rocks, the spruce lay at a slight upstream diagonal; its crown over the deepest part of the channel, vibrating in the current.

Suddenly the man saw a thrashing movement in the limbs toward the crown. A small mist of spray flew up, rainbowing in the sun. There was a short squealing bleat. Jess frowned in astonishment as a dark, wet head rose out of the boughs. "A moose calf!"

The calf struggled, tried vainly to lift its forelegs out of the boughs and over the trunk, then dropped back down in the wash.

Looking upstream, Jess saw the dog swim strongly to midriver, then, angling with the current, tread water down to the spruce where he disappeared in the boughs.

In troubled haste, Jess worked upstream, pushing through alder and willow thickets that fringed the river. Ahead, a jutting cleaver of bedrock protruded five yards into the current. Edging out on this point of rock, he could see his dog treading water beside the calf. The calf was trapped by the boughs and the force of the river, pinned against the trunk a dozen feet in from the whipping crown. Its head and shoulders heaved up as it struggled futilely in the boughs, splashing in brief flurries of effort. Then its head dropped down, for a moment wallowed tiredly in the current, then rose again, just clearing the surface. Jess heard his dog bark, saw him squirm through the boughs over the trunk, and turn in the water facing the calf.

A moose calf, Jess thought. A wild animal you've never seen before, but in some way you figure you're responsible for him. They never taught you this in Oregon. "So this is what was on your mind," he said



"Thanks. Joey, for keeping my penny safe overnight."

quietly. "Still always the sheep dog, and here's one of your sheep."

JESS heard the soft rush of wind in the forest, and turned to look up the brushy slope. "The old lady . . ." he thought aloud. "Just where can she be?"

His mother can't be far away, Jess reasoned. She might have sent him into the river to protect him from something else. The calf may have tried to cross all the way and got swept down here when he hit the main channel. She wasn't swimming it with him, or he wouldn't be in this trouble.

As he looked back at the river, he swallowed against a cottony dryness in his mouth. It can be a rough show. If that cow finds us here, it's not going to be fun for anybody. I'll probably have to shoot her. could cut a man to pieces with those front hooves. Can't forget old Andy Peterson getting too close to a cow moose and calf . . . too far from a big tree and with his gun where he couldn't reach it. Hard to tell who it was when they brought him into Dillingham. But I'd hate to shoot her. She'd only be doing her best to protect her calf-just as she would against wolves or a grizzly.

A WIND-DRIVEN cloud crossed the sun, and the glinting surface of the river was softened in shadow. Jess could see his dog, but the calf's head was no longer visible in the boughs.

Jess turned on the bedrock shelf and stepped back toward the bank. "Just afraid old Jack isn't going to be able to help him," Jess pondered aloud. "But he'll drown himself trying. Looks like the calf may be drowned already."

He paused a moment, thinking, looking upstream to the west. The morning overcast had lifted and he could see the spires and serrated ridges of the Kilbuck Range, blue-purple in the distance, its ravines choked with avalanche snow. That's where this water was a few hours ago, Jess reasoned. It's cold enough to close a man up like a jackknife.

Jess dropped down off the shelf to a rocky bar. He laid his rifle down, pulled his boot heels loose on a stone, kicked the boots off, removed his jacket and secured his wallet in one of its pockets. I'm pushing my luck a long way, he thought. Pushing it beyond good sense to try this. But if I don't give the old boy a hand, I'm going to lose him. And the longer we're around here the greater the chances are that we'll have to tangle with that cow. If I can just get out there without cramping or getting banged-up on a rock-won't be too tough a show.

He stepped to the edge of the water and into the shallows. A few feet ahead the bottom shelved off. The water rising on his legs was numbingly cold. This kind of foolishness is a good way to end up like Ole Dahl's wolverine, Jess thought. But I've wondered, though . . . sometimes how close better judgment comes to just being afraid. Been times when I think I would have liked myself better if I'd played the darn fool.

As he pushed out and under in a shallow dive, the frigid waters of the Nuyakuk swept over him in a chilling shock. His dive sent him into the bubbling turbulence at the end of the cleaver. He breast-stroked past the buffeting into deep water. In the sunlit transparency he could see the blue-grayness of the boulders and the vivid streaks of white in the bedrock. Then the prickling bite of the chill was gone, and he surfaced and crawl-stroked toward midriver. He fought against the pull of the river, heading directly across the current, swimming to be at midstream when the river carried him as far as the spruce.

Current's tough, Jess thought. Taking me down too fast. Should have started further up. Got to head up or I'll miss the tree.

He pulled hard with his left arm, half-rolled in the current and swam against the rush of the water, headed now on a slight diagonal across and upstream. He could feel the tug of the river pulling him downstream. Over his shoulder, he saw the boulders and the big lateral roots of the spruce sweeping up fast on his right.

Jess could feel the muscles of his shoulders bunching painfully as he pulled through the last few strokes, grabbed out at the nearest root and pulled himself around the boulder where the river drove him against the tree.

He worked out toward the crown, pulling himself over the prickly needled boughs. His dog whined and Jess saw the wet blue-gray coat through the boughs ahead.

THE dog shoved his nose under the calf's neck, pushed down under until the neck rested on his shoulders. He raised his head above the surface, sneezing the water from his nose, stroking with strong paw thrusts, whimpering, holding the calf's head up as the current pushed them against the trunk.

Jess pulled his way over the boughs to them, looked at the calf's eyes and saw exhaustion beyond fear. Afraid he's done. But we'll try to get him ashore down where it shallows out. "All right, old timer," he said to his dog, "I'll try to give you a hand now."

Taking the calf with his left arm just behind the forelegs, he gripped a bough, turned sideways in the current, and pulled from bough to bough to the crown of the spruce. "We're goin' for a fast ride, Jackson," he said. The Australian shepherd was flanking on the left.

Jess held onto the tip of the crown growth as the river swung them around, bending it with them, letting it go when they stopped. It made a rushing *shurrrsh* as it pushed back against the water.

Jess felt himself in a wild drift across the deep channel. He treaded water with his legs and right arm, holding the calf, trying to keep on the surface. But they slid down in the sunlit blue-green, and he saw the sloping, graveled wall of a shoal sweeping up to meet them.

The river drove them in a bruising, gravel-bumping rush over the bar. Jess broke the surface, gulping for air. Then he saw the boulder ahead. He just had time to push out his arm, cushioning, as he was driven against it.

Rock slammed into the notch of his rib cage; his breath went out in a coughing gasp. The calf slipped from his arm. His fingers pressed hard on the granite, holding on,



until some of the tension went away, and lie could suck in air again. The concentrated pain moved out slowly as he breathed.

Jess slipped down, knees on the gravel in the rush of the water. Still dazed, he raised his head and looked around him. The sun was bright on the river. "Jack!" he called. "Hey, Jack boy!"

Then he heard his dog bark once, downstream. He pushed his hands against the boulder, raised himself on one knee and stood up. The water was thigh deep. He saw his dog, closer than he had thought from the bark, still with the calf, out of the main channel where the current shallowed to riffles over a bar. Jess grinned slowly. "Guess he figures I can take care of myself."

He breast-stroked down with the current until the water was too shallow to swim. Overtaking the dog, he lifted the moose calf upright in the water. Guess he's drowned, Jess thought. Doesn't look like he's bruised around the head any—must have just brushed the boulder back there. Legs pretty badly chafed—gravel and fighting that tree. Bull calf, and he's only about three weeks old..

JESS picked the calf up on his shoulders. Holding its legs against his chest, he walked through the riffles, nearly falling twice but recovering, stepping between the slipperv boulders to the bank. Then the calf suddenly coughed, and Jess heard the spewed out water on the rocks. The calf shivered and sighed.

Jess laughed, knowing the calf would be all right. He carried it away from the river to a stand of spruce where the ground was soft with the needle fall of years. "You're getting pretty heavy, big boy," he said. He knelt with his load, eased the calf off his shoulders and down on the needles. The calf lay breathing gently, its head tucked around against its body.

The dog whimpered softly at the calf, sniffed it over, tried to lick its ears but Jess drew him back.

"We better not touch him anymore, Jack. We've got too much of our scent on him already. If his mother ever finds him, she won't like it. She better find him quick, too. Before something else does. Well—like to look the area over—watch it awhile—and try and figure out how the little guy got into that trouble. But Jackson, we better get out of here. If that cow's around very close, we'll be lucky if we only go swimming again."

He limped as he turned upstream, favoring one foot bruised and bleeding slightly from a stone cut. He walked with his dog, avoiding the heavy brush, stepping along the rocks at the edge of the river; picked up his rifle, boots and jacket, and headed back down toward the snag. They were fifty yards from the calf when the dog growled.

Jess followed his dog's attentive eyes to the brush and timber of the far bank. "Oh-oh," he said quietly. "We're having company, and not too long about it."

They had scarcely widened the distance between themselves and the calf when a cow moose crashed through a stand of birch, running long-gaited and sure-footed to the river. She stopped at the edge of the water, looking at them, ears forward. We'll just keep walking away, Jess thought.

Then the ears went back flat. The guard hairs bristled on her neck. The moose splashed into the river.

"Well, she's calling our play," Jess muttered grimly. He snapped open the bolt of the .30-'06, looked at the chambered round, closed the bolt and pushed the safe off. "I sure hope you don't give us trouble, old girl," he said.

The cow made a splashing, shoulder-heaving run across the riffles, plunged into the channel, swam the heavy current, climbed the bank in several rock-clattering strides and stopped, twenty yards from Jess and his dog. She stood angry and still, water dripping off her hide to the rocks. The dog took a step toward her.

"Jack!" Jess called sharply. Then quietly, "Don't you move, Jack. We're gonna give her all the time she wants."

L ONG seconds passed, and Jess noticed the blood on her flank. It had started again after the cleansing of the cold water. It coursed slowly down her hide in thin, parallel streams.

That could explain a lot. The way the blood streaks the hide . . . grizzly claws would mark her like that. Must have just grazed her. "Come on, old lady," he called softly. "Take off."

The cow stood absolutely still, watching them. Then, a moment later, she turned, swinging her front quarters in a pivot. She trotted toward the forest, stopped for a moment at the edge of the willows to look back over her shoulder, then walked into the thicket. A crackle of waving brush and the moose was gone.

"Heading right for the calf. Well, I guess we're forgiven, Jack." Jess felt a warm, rising elation. For a strange moment, he realized a kinship with the scene, with the river and the purple granite of the Kilbuck Range.

Back at the drift snag, Jess stripped off his wet clothes and put on an old pair of khaki trousers from his pack. He wrung the clothes, shook the twists out, and hung them on the snag to dry. He was shivering slightly, his skin still red and tingling from the water. The big, grizzled man stood barefoot on the gravel, stretching out his arms, and he smiled with the feeling of the sun on his back and the cold going away slowly.

He watched his dog shake himself off, making flurries of fine spray. Jess walked over, sat down on the log, and held the dog's head in his hands. He looked at the strange blue-white eyes.

"You couldn't see him, Jack," he said wonderingly. "The wind didn't seem right for you to even smell him. But you knew he was there—in trouble. How, old timer? How could you know that?"

The dog only thumped his tail on the gravel.

# Let's Think It Over

by THE VERY REV. M. L. GOODMAN



# Only Old Gilmore!

In pioneer days our country was well served by devoted men who tramped the bush and the prairie to bring the comfort of the Gospel to the most isolated part.

One such was Gowan Gilmore, an Irish archdeacon who traveled northern Ontario half a century ago. Nothing was too much trouble for the archdeacon. On one occasion he drove a cow 40 miles along a railroad track to the town of Sudbury. This was to help a widowed woman who had to move into town and depended on the cow for her livelihood. She was in despair as to how she could get the animal to her new home. Gowan Gilmore had the answer, even though it took him the best part of 4 days to bring the cow in safely.

It mattered little to him to spend the night in the bush. He traveled with a collie dog and they were accustomed to curl up most anywhere. He used to tell a story on himself when asked if he ever had adventures with wild animals. "Oh, yes," he would say, "the dog and I were bothered by some wolves once." Pressed for the story he would recount how he and the dog had taken shelter for the night under a great spruce tree. They slept well until early morning when they woke to find themselves surrounded by a pack of wolves.

"What happened then?" he'd be asked. "Well, nothing much," he'd say, "the leader of the pack came and sniffed at us and then he went back and said to the others—"Aw, come on fellows, it's only old Gilmore and his dog!"

Gilmore had a sense of humor and a sense of proportion. These days we need both. With all the threats and rumors of war, the big bombs and the ready missiles, we need to remember there is *nothing new to fear*. There always was death and no one has shaken God's grip on His creation. He is still King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Whatever threatens, remember "only old Gilmore and his dog."

Suggested Scripture: Psalms 46 and 91.

# Tree Houses

The railway took us into town through the seamy side. We saw all the unsightliness of the backyard of a great city—a jumble of plants, junk yards, warehouses, lumber mills, cattle sidings. Very few proprietors had been concerned with the view from the train. Fresh paint was a rarity—unexpected in the drab panorama of weather-beaten boards, rust-stained steel, and soot-grimed concrete.

Then we came to a short street whose little houses backed onto the right of way. Even the houses were gray and bleak, overwhelmed by the surroundings. One could only think—"What a dismal place to live!"

Suddenly, the whole prospect changed, for there in the yard of one of the houses were three trees clumped together, and in the trees a boy had built a tree house out of old boards.

Here in the midst of dreariness was the spirit of adventure. Here was the evidence of one NOT overwhelmed by his environment (at least, not yet).

As I thought about that boy, I wondered. Would the spirit which led him to build the tree house, lead him out into the world, set him free from the city's backyard? Or would it die in a short passage of years, destroyed by overburdening circumstance? Which would it be?

More important still—would the same spirit of adventure lead him at last to God? For that is why we are given this spirit in the first place. God planted this restlessness within us, so that, stirring, it will bring us to Him.

Suggested Scripture: St. Matthew IV, 18 to end.

# Cow on a Rope

We'd had a series of heavy snowfalls and the banks were pretty high along the roads. We didn't see the man and the cow until we turned the corner, almost on top of them.

One moment man and cow were trudging peaceably along, and the next, they were flying down the road as the cow took fright. Up to that split second the man had been leading the cow, but now the cow was leading the man! He was a short, bandy-legged fellow, and stubborn, for he held tight to the rope. His stumpy legs went faster and faster until it seemed that he was going to take right off the ground in his effort to keep up with the flying cow. Suddenly he did—head first into the snowbank, feet waving in the air.

So many of us think we have things pretty much under control. We can handle most anything—"masters of our souls, captains of our fates"

handle most anything—"masters of our souls, captains of our fates."

As it were, we think that we're "leading" life, arranging, determining things. Then just like that cow, life starts leading us and leading us faster than we care to go and in a direction other than that we would choose. You need more than your own resources if you're going to stay safe, if you're going to stay right.

Suggested Scripture: Revelation III, 14 to end.

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# Feeding Box for Birds

by F. B. STEVENSON

BIRD-FEEDING is a hobby which will bring many hours of pleasure during the winter months when many of our outside interests are buried beneath the snow. A feeding box placed outside the kitchen window will be a delight to the lady of the house as she goes about her daily tasks.

A box about 12 x 16 inches, 2 inches deep at the front and 6 inches deep at the back is a good size. It can be fastened to a post or tree about 6 feet off the ground and should be protected from cats.

A variety of food should be used—bread crumbs, suet and sunflower seeds are good. Suet and fat pork rinds tacked up are excellent for Chickadees, Nuthatches and Woodpeckers. Fats are heat-producing foods and birds like them for this reason.

Boxes should be up by the end of October. Birds are migrating then and on the move. Our northern birds, including Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, as well as Bohemian Waxwings, are coming south and if they find food they will stay around all winter. Bluejays are perhaps our most colorful winter birds. They are partial to bread crumbs which they often carry away to make a cache for later use

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snarr of Morris, Man., have had a feeding station for many years. Two years ago a Cardinal came during the last week in November and stayed until the first week in April. This beautiful bird is the state bird of Kentucky and this one would be four or five hundred miles north of its usual range.

If you are a camera fan, photographing the birds presents a challenge. Two of the accompanying photos were taken with a simple camera mounted on a tripod near



A White-Breasted Nuthatch waits a turn while a Chickadee gets a meal at the simply designed feeding box.

the box. The shutter was tripped with a homemade device operated by a fine wire from the kitchen window. The Bluejay was photographed with a 25X telescope from a distance of 60 feet.

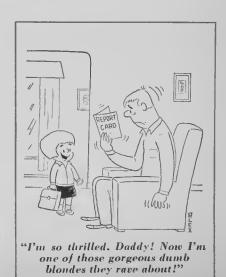


Bluejays enjoy bread ernmbs as Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Snarr, Morris, Man., know. This one feeds at their box.

Give the birds a break! The cost is small, the rewards are great, and you will be doing something toward the conservation of our none-too-plentiful wildlife.



Sunflower seeds draw Evening Grosbeaks to the author's feeding box. He's had as many as 45 at a time.



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# Harvest Supper

by ELVA FLETCHER

HESE days it seems that everything must be big to be successful. Men rarely wrestle with individual sheaves of grain as my grandfather did. Instead, a mechanical monster gobbles up a field of ripened crop in a matter of hours. The small country school where my mother learned her lessons still serves a few children, but most of its cousins and their kin, the churches, sit silently on their small plots. Children go to large, well-equipped schools in town; and church congregations frequently join to make one large congregation just as the four United Churches in the Roland pastoral charge do.

Still, even in our changing rural communities some traditions manage to survive. One of them is the harvest supper. In Roland, as in many other communities, old-fashioned fowl suppers were out of style for a long time, almost entirely discarded in favor of in-city teas and bazaars. Now they're on the scene again and I, for one, am glad they are.

Who wouldn't hold onto this tradition? And when I ask the question I'm thinking of last year's harvest supper held by Roland United Church to mark its anniversary. First things come first: a special anniversary service was held the previous Sunday morning.

The night of the supper the church hall was a sea of waiting tables, each draped in snowy white, their surfaces broken by



A hungry multitude did not take long to make a lasting impression on the mouth-watering pounds of turkey and ham carved by men of the congregation.



A willing army of workers, drawn from the church women's and Girl Guide groups, had a busy time. Their task was to replenish fast-emptying plates.



The ladies of Roland United Church used the facilities of the church's two kitchens to keep a steady stream of food moving out to the waiting diners.

the gleam of waiting knives and forks and spoons, the sparkle of glass, the reflected color from mounds of molded jellies whose quivering depths were crunchy with good things from the garden.

Members' homes had given up the fragrance of turkeys roasting in their pans, and their preserve cupboards the tangy taste of cranberry jelly and pickles. From other ovens came mounds of buns and pies, dozens of them. Into the church's two kitchens poured this stream of Thanksgiving good. Waiting to serve were numbers of the church's women and girls. Ready to carve the golden birds were three of its men. Here were all the ingredients of the pioneer "bee." And gathering in quantity were the families from miles around, waiting to share these savory samples of the season's abundance.

WHEN it was time to begin, the chairman offered a simple blessing: "Our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for this food and fellowship. Especially we give thanks at this our anniversary. Bless this food to our use and bless us in Thy service."

Then the kitchens poured forth a steady stream of platters and bowls, each one heaped to overflowing with juicy morsels. As quickly as they were emptied more took their place. Big families, small families—all became one big family gathered together—as cheerful talk moved up and down and across the tables.

This wasn't all. A program of songs and instrumental selections followed. Local musicians and singers offered their renditions; so did talented people from the neighboring communities of Carman and Winkler.

The whole wonderful evening came to an end eventually. And, as I headed home, my thoughts turned briefly backward to other Thanksgivings. Probably I looked back because I remember Thanksgiving as being almost as important a family time as Christmas; a time when we offered the best of the season's vegetable and fruit crop to decorate the church; when we joyously sang old favorite Thanksgiving hymns such as "Bringing in the Sheaves." From deep within came fun-touched memories of one Sunday Thanksgiving service held in the schoolhouse when a frightened field mouse charged out of his grain-sheaf home and sent the fearful clambering up on their sons' and daughters' desks.

Country life is changing. But much of its spirit is unchanging. Look at the harvest suppers. Look at the Roland anniversary. It was big. It was successful. It brought people together in large numbers to give thanks in their Father's house. There can be blessings in bigness too.



Mrs. Gibb welcomes her family's help in stocking the displays and tending the stand. Rosemary, 15, pitched in while announcing that she had the family's dinner ready.



Constance, 13 (Connie to her family) helps set up displays and fill eustomers' orders.



John Gibb, 16, eaters to an increasing demand for pumpkins and squash. He also grows gladioli for bouquet sale.



George serves customers too, when farm chores permit. Deep overhanging caves shade some racked displays. Produce can be chilled and stored in walk-in refrigerator space which is located in the back portion of the stand building.

# From Seed to Sale

HE Gibb family see their produce through from seed to sale on their Quebec farm near St. Paul d'Abbotsford. Nor is it just a case of standing by and watching. Although the 35-acre apple orchard is the mainstay of the farm, each of the three boys plants and harvests his own crops for sale at the roadside stand which bears the George Gibb name. The girls run the house and get the meals during school vacation time, which fortunately coincides with the peak selling period for garden crops. The whole family takes part in the apple picking and, at 7 years of age, young Joe has learned the masterly twist of the wrist style that is demonstrated by his older brothers and sisters.

The Gibb stand began when George's parents put an umbrella above a table set out at the highway. Today, an attractive building houses a busy business venture open all year round. When George and his wife Iris took over the stand 5 years ago, they tried to close it in the winter. But people continually rapped on the farm house door asking for apples, jellies and jams. Now the only seasonal difference is in the hours the stand is open. In summer, Iris opens it at 8:30 a.m. and closes it at 10:30 p.m. In less busy seasons she starts later and stops earlier.

"The stand is an outlet for our small fruits, the strawberries and raspberries, and for short garden crops and summer apples," the Gibbs say. McIntosh apples make up about 80 per cent of their fruit crop, with the stand accounting for 25 per cent of Mac sales. Their own sugar bush supplies some syrup and other maple products for

the stand. To meet customer demand, they stock other producers' syrup, candy and maple sugar molds. Neighbors make relishes, jams, jellies and aprons for sale. Homemade bread, doughnuts and pies made by one are especially popular. Honey produced in the community sells well. They also offer for sale a rainbow-hued variety of applebased beverages. Shelves inside the store display placemats and rugs hand-crafted in Quebec, sheepskin rugs from Australia, and a selection of games and water toys for lake-bound holidayers.

Repeat business is large and it's based on customer satisfaction. "We meet a lot of people," Iris says, "and many become friends

"We don't charge high prices — and I think that is one secret. If you charge high prices on perishable produce you're stuck with it!"

Despite the stand's location on a busy highway between Montreal and Sherbrooke, the tourist trade doesn't figure very big in the Gibbs' business. Mostly they sell to people in the community and from other parts of Quebec. Mrs. Gibb spoke no French when they took the stand over, but now she speaks it fluently and changes with apparent ease from one to another of Canada's official languages.

The Gibbs make a point of eating meals together, even when summer trade is busicst. While they gather in the new farm home they built this year, a man from the village tends the stand. At other times of the day, the Gibbs' togetherness is in their united efforts in a seed to sale farm family business.





Joe, 7, and Gavin, 11, help harvest apple erop. Joe raises ornamental gourds and encumbers for stand sale; Gavin, corn and encumbers.



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## Textures and **Tartans**

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RIGHT colors? Quiet colors? Smooth fabrics or rough textured ones? Fur trim or leather binding? These are a few of the choices you will be able to make when adding new fashions to your fall wardrobe.

There is no single new "right" silhouette, and hemlines remain at a smart shortness, adjusted to flatter you. The newness in fall fashions is in the fabric, the colors, and the use of fur and leather for trimming.

Fashion trends in suits, coats and some dresses are unexpectedly practical for winter temperatures. Many feature a muffled look created by a stand-up collar, buttoning high under the chin; by fur collars and attached or detachable scarves or stoles, and, by hoods. In suit styling, the jacket suggests the body shape but doesn't cling to it; pleats or other skirt fullness allows casy movement. Daytime costume outfits feature coat, skirt and blouse combinations. For dressier occasions, the costume combines dress and coat or jacket.

Colors. The most popular colors are the neutrals: gray, beige and winter white. Black and white, and a new camel and gray combination, augment the neutral color range.

In gay contrast, you may choose a truc cherry red, an American Beauty, wine red, or an orange red. A clear, vibrant shade of blue appears alone, as well as in prints and plaids. A peacock shade and other flattering green-blue, turquoise blends arc plentiful in all fabrics. Neutral almond and sage greens are highstyle in the fashion industry; your own preference may run to a yellowed green, a deep forest green or the blackened olive green also avail-

Fabrics. There's more variety than ever in winter wools. Mohair loops, brushed, plush and shaggy surfaces vie with hard-surfaced worsteds, herringbone weaves and multicolored tweeds.

The knits, so favored by fashion and so practical to wear, appear plain and patterned in boucle, damask and jacquard effects. Special patterns have been designed to assist home sewers with sewing knits. More children's colors are available now in cotton knits.

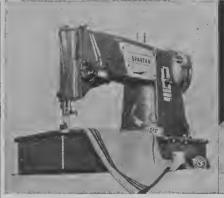
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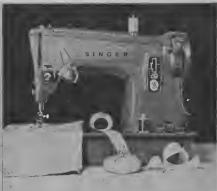
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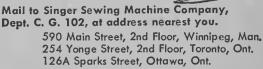
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For dress wear, milady may wear brocades, matelasse, cut velvet in multi-color floral prints and geometric jacquards, crinkle metallics and sheers in pale pastels. In lace, she may choose elegant Chantilly, heavy re-embroidered types, or even wool lace!

Trimmings. This fall's outfit just isn't complete without some form of trim. Braids range from very narrow to very wide. Ruffles remain and fringes appear everywhere. Gold glitters from some trims; and lace may be delicate frosting or of the heavy, woven, cluny type in any width you like. Children's clothing is trimmed with applique, edging, ric rak, and embroidered ribbon.

For milady, the trim that's news is the fur on collars and cuffs. It may be any one of a dozen furs and it may be any outfit in her wardrobe. Leather appears in binding, on pocket flaps, on buttons, and of course in belts. Narrow leather belts combine with golden chains, and wide belts of soft leather may crush down to a medium width or stand tall in a midriff effect.-G.L.

#### Autumn Song

Sing a song of autumn, Shivers in the breeze, Frosting on the brooklets, Paint daubs in the trees;

Rosy apples pendant, Golden pumpkins loll; A festival of eolors Glorifies the fall. -Natalie Horne

#### Quiet Towns

I like the quiet towns that stand

With lean white churches, golden in the sun,

And homes with gardens, though but ribbon-wide

And grassy lawns where dogs and ehildren run.

I like the quiet towns where every-

The neighbors visit on a lazy day, And men who meet each other in

Are hailed by name, and have some word to say.

I like the towns where in each little

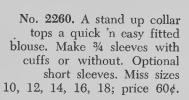
A dog or eat lies sleeping, in the way.

To testify to all who pass this door That here inside is one who loves a

-ETHEL BARNETT DE VITO.

## Season for Separates







No. 2259. This blouse features a convertible collar and a square yoked back. Make it with set-in long French-cuffed sleeves shown, below-elbow sleeves, or none. Miss  $10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 60 \, \phi$ .



No. 2235. Hooks and eyes secure the waistband above the side zipper in this gently flared skirt. Optional welt pocket detail and skirt stiffening. Miss waist sizes 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32. Pattern price  $60\phi$ .



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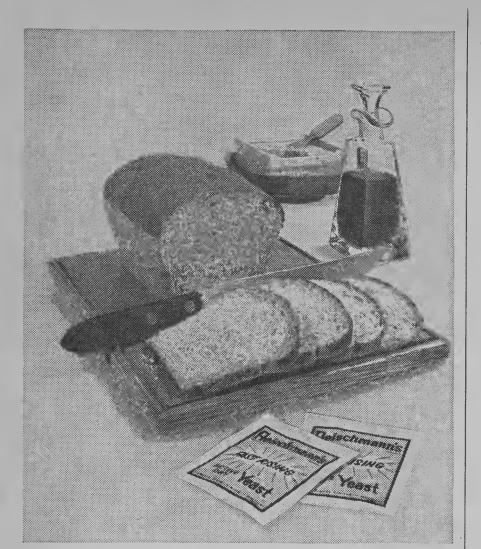


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- 1. Scald milk. Combine rolled oats, the 2 tbsps. sugar, salt, shortening and molasses; stir in scalded milk. Cool to lukewarm.
- 2. Meantime, measure lukewarm water into a large bowl; stir in the 1 tsp. sugar. Sprinkle with yeast. Let stand 10 mins., then stir well. Stir in lukewarm oat mixture and 1 c. of the flour. Beat until smooth and elastic. Work in sufficient additional flour to make a soft dough-about 23/4 c. more.

- 3. Knead on floured board until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl. Grease top. Cover. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk -about 11/4 hours.
- 4. Punch down dough. Turn out and knead until smooth. Divide into 2 equal portions. Cover with a tea towel and let rest 10 mins. Shape each portion into a loaf and place in a greased loaf pan (41/2 x 81/2 inches, top inside measure). Grease tops. Cover. Let rise until doubled in bulk-about 40 mins. Bake in a hot oven (400°) 45 to 50 mins. Makes 2 loaves.

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#### IN THE KITCHEN

#### the time is near

- to select recipes
- prepare the fruit
- and bake

## Cakes for Christmas

by GWEN LESLIE

IGHT and dark, iced and uniced, the richly fruited Christmas cake is a Canadian tradition. And as traditions mellow with age, the full flavor of fruit cake improves with few weeks' ripening. So that you may make a leisurely start on planning for your cakes for Christmas, we've assembled a selection of recipes we think you might like to

Remember that fresh nuts and spices provide the best flavor. In a recipe which calls for molasses, use a table brand that is sweet rather than strong. Many homemakers find it convenient to prepare the ingredients and pans one day, and mix and bake the cake on the next.

If you plan to ice your cakes, you may find this trick makes it easier: Take out some of the cake batter before adding fruit and nuts. After spooning mixed batter into the pan, spread the smooth batter over the top for an even surface.

Both flavor and texture improve during the 2 to 3 week aging period recommended for most cakes. After mellowing, cakes may be frozen for longer storage. This applies also to Christmas Plum Puddings.

#### White Fruit Cake

1/2 c. shortening 1 c. sugar 3 eggs, well beaten T. grated lemon rind

1/2 tsp. salt 1 c. seeded raisins, chopped1 T. grated orange

rind 21/4 c. sifted allpurpose flour 1 c. candied mixed fruit 1 c. chopped walnuts 1/4 c. orange juice

1/2 tsp. baking

powder

Cream shortening until light and

fluffy. Gradually add sugar. Add eggs and lemon and orange rind, stirring until thoroughly combined. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together, then combine half this mixture with the raisins, mixed fruit and walnuts. Add the remaining flour mixture in halves, alternately with orange juice, to the shortening mixture; blend well after each addition. Stir in fruit mixture and mix well. Pour into a 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pan lined with three layers of greased brown paper. Bake in a moderately warm oven at 300°F. for 1½ hours. Cover pan with brown paper for the first hour to slow browning. Remove from oven when done and let thoroughly cool in pan. Age cake several weeks before eating in a tightly covered crock or other container, or wrap in an air-tight polyethylene bag. A dry cake may be moistened with fruit juice, then rewrapped. After aging in a cool place, cake may be frozen.

#### Old-Time Dark Fruit Cake

1 c. pecan halves 1½ c. prunes c. dried apricots 3 c. sifted allpurpose flour 2 c. seedless tsp. allspice raisins 1½ c. seeded tsp. cinnamon raisins 1½ tsp. nutmeg 1½ c. currants 1/2 tsp. ginger 1½ c. sliced dates 1 tsp. mace 1/2 tsp. powdered 2½ c. diced preserved citron cloves 1/2 tsp. baking 1½ c. diced preserved pineapple 1½ c. halved candied cherries 1 c. soft 1 c. diced preserved orange peel c. diced lemon

peel 1½ c. blanched

almonds

1½ tsp. salt shortening 1½ c. brown sugar 6 eggs ½ c. molasses ⅔ c. strawberry

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Rinse prunes and apricots; cover with water. Boil 5 minutes, drain and cool.



Your nibblers may insist you keep one cake out for sampling! Other Christmas fruit cakes and puddings, baked early and allowed to ripen, may be frozen.

Cut prunes from pits into pieces; slice apricots. Rinse and drain raisins and currants, then combine with prunes and apricots. Add dates, citron and next 4 ingredients. Sliver almonds, chop pecans coarsely and add both to fruit. Sprinkle 1 cup of the flour over all and mix well. Sift remaining 2 cups of flour with allspice and next 7 ingredients. Beat shortening with sugar until very light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition until very (8 minutes in all). Blend in alternately one-quarter each of the flour mixture, molasses and jam, stirring just until batter is smooth. Pour over fruit spoon. Pack lightly into greased, paper-lined pans (two 9" tube pans, or three 7½" x 3½" x 2½" loaf pans, plus 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pans). Bake in a and nut mixture and mix well with a slow oven at 275°F. with a small shallow pan of water on the floor of the oven until done, about 3 to 3½ hours. Cool completely on wire racks before

#### Christmas Fruit Ring

1/4 c. grape juice 3/4 c. light molasses c. sugar 6 eggs, well 31/3 c. sifted cake beaten flour4½ c. raisins 1 tsp. baking 4½ c. currants powder 1 c. diced mixed tsp. salt 1 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. cloves
mace tsp. cinnamon 1/2 c. coarsely cut walnuts

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy; add eggs and beat to blend. Stir in fruit, grape juice and molasses and mix well. Resift the sifted and measured flour with baking powder, salt and spices. Add gradually to butter mixture, beating after each addition. Grease a 10" tube pan and line with greased paper. Spoon batter evenly into pan and bake in a slow oven at 250°F. for about 4 hours. Cool thoroughly, then store tightly covered in a cool, dry place.

#### Last Minute Cakelets

2 c. sifted allpurpose flour
34 tsp. baking
powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. finely diced
assorted candied
fruit
to chopped
walnuts or
negans

% c. shortening % c. orange or % c. sugar pineapple juice

Sift first 6 ingredients together; then sprinkle ½ cup of the mixture over fruit, and stir to coat. Cream shortening, add sugar and cream until light. Add syrup and mix well. Add eggs one at a time; beat well after each addition. Stir in remaining dry ingredients alternately with liquid. Gently fold in fruit and nuts. Pour batter into greased cup cake pans and bake in a moderately slow oven at 325°F. for 25 to 30 minutes. Yields about 4 dozen.

Ice if desired with thin confectioners' icing. Store in a covered container. The small cakes will keep moist for about a week.

#### Fruit Cake Bars

2 c. sifted flour ¾ tsp. baking 1/2 c. chopped walnuts, pccans or powder almonds tsp. salt 1 c. chopped tsp. baking soda mixed candied 1¼ tsp. cinnamon fruit ½ tsp. nutmeg ½ tsp. cloves 1 small can sliced ½ c. butter pineapple 1/2 c. brown sugar 1/3 c. honey

Sift dry ingredients together. Mix nuts and candied fruit; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of flour mixture and mix in. Cream butter, and gradually cream in sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well. Drain pineapple, dice medium fine and stir into creamed mixture. Add enough water to pineapple syrup to make ½ cup and blend with honey. Add flour alternately with liquid to the creamed mixture and stir until smooth. Fold in fruit and nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 7" x 11" x 1½" pan. Bake in a moderate oven at 350°F. for 50 to 60 minutes, or until done. Cool, then frost with a thin sugar icing made by adding 1 tablespoon boiling water to 1 cup icing sugar and ½ teaspoon vanilla. Cut in bars to serve, Yields about 24 bars.

#### Plum Pudding for Eight

1½ lb. seeded ½ tsp. cinnamon raisins
4 lb. chopped 1/8 tsp. ground clovesblanched ¼ tsp. nutmcg 1/8 tsp. allspice 1/2 lb. brown sugar almonds 1/4 lb. diced candied citron 2 c. soft stale 1/4 lb. maraschino bread crumbs cherries, halved 1/2 lb. suet, grated T. flour or very finely 1/2 tsp. baking ground 4 eggs soda 1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 c. grape juice

Combine prepared raisins, almonds, citron peel, and cherries and sprinkle with flour. Mix soda, salt and spices together and add to sugar. Add bread crumbs and rub the suet into the bread crumb mixturc. Combine with fruit and nuts; then add well beaten eggs and grape juice. Spoon batter into a well greased upper half of a 3-quart double boiler. Cover tightly and cook over boiling water for 4 to 5 hours. Be sure to add water as needed. Serve hot with your choice of sauce.

Note: This pudding may be made a day ahead, then cooled and refrigerated. Reheat in double boiler 1 hour before serving. If preferred, cook the pudding in individual, heat-proof, glass cups, covered with aluminum foil. Cook about 1½ hours in a steamer. To serve, reheat in steamer for about 40 minutes.

#### Christmas Pudding

2 c. seedless 1 c. sifted pastry raisins flour or % c. c. seeded sifted allraisins, halved purpose flour ½ tsp. baking soda ½ c. chopped dried apricots 3/4 tsp. salt ½ tsp. cinnamon 1/2 c. chopped, ¼ tsp. ginger pitted, dricd prunes 1/4 tsp. nutmeg ½ c. cut-up pitted 1/4 tsp. cloves dates 1½ c. coarse, soft 1/2 c. chopped, bread crumbs mixed candied 1½ c. finely peels and citron chopped suet c. well-drained, 1 c. lightly packed halved marasbrown sugar chino cherries eggs, wcll beaten broken pecans 1/4 c. orange juice

Combine seedless raisins, seeded raisins, apricots, prunes, dates, peels and citron, cherries and pecans.

Into a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, and spices. Add prepared fruit and nuts and combine with fingertips until each small piece is thoroughly coated with the dry mixture. Mix in bread crumbs, suet and brown sugar. Combine eggs and orange juice and mix thoroughly into fruit mixture. Turn batter into a greased, 10-cup, pudding mold or heat-proof, mixing bowl. Cover bowl loosely with a piece of cooking parchment which has been wrung out of cold water, or with greased heavy paper or foil. Tie down. Steam pudding for 4½ hours over rapidly boiling water (closely covered).

Uncover and cool pudding thoroughly. Recover and store in a cool, dry place for at least 3 weeks to ripen. To serve, re-steam pudding for about 1½ hours. Yields 12 to 15 servings.



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#### The Halloween Ghost

by KATHERINE HOWARD

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Bobby was so excited he couldn't sleep. Tomorrow night was Halloween and Rick and Larry, who were ten, had said he could go with them to visit some of the neighbors' farm homes for "Trick or Treat."

Bobby's Halloween costume hung on the wall. It was a ghost costume, and in the dim light from the window it looked kind of scary. But Bobby knew if he wanted to go along with Rick and Larry he couldn't be scared.

The boys said they were going first to old Mr. Samson's farm. Larry said something about Mr. Samson's hay stacks. Mr. Samson was cranky. He had a bad leg. He had a big black dog, too.

Bobby was worried. A man on TV had asked children to be kind at Halloween and not play mean tricks on people. And Rick had mumbled something about letting the cows into their teacher's flower garden . . . Oh dear, Miss Lambert worked so hard in her flower\_garden.

Bobby buried his head in the pillow and thought about sleep. Then suddenly he sat up and stared. His ghost costume was sitting beside him. Straight up!

Bobby hid his head under the bedclothes.

"Don't be scared, Bobby." The ghost talked in a rusty voice. "We're going on a trip. Put on your Halloween costume and come along," as he handed Bobby the Halloween costume

Bobby whispered, "Y-you're a real ghost!" as he pulled the ghost costume over his head.

"Of course." The real ghost grabbed Bobby's hand and away they flew, through the window, into the sky, over the sleeping countryside

At last they dived down to the ground. There was a big, dark hole in front of them.

"Down we go," said the ghost, and poor Bobby, shaking and shivering, floated down the hole into a huge cave. Moss covered the stone walls of the cave. Black bats flew about and big black cats were everywhere, spitting and snarling and arching their backs. Big owls hooted from queer looking trees.

A long line of ghosts, witches, skeletons and goblins came out of a hole in the wall, each carrying a pumpkin in which a candle burned. Then Bobby's teeth chattered and his knees shook. The queer company sat down on the floor and the ghost told Bobby to sit down too. When he did, a big, black cat jumped onto his shoulder.

Then an enormous ghost stood up. "It's Halloween tonight," he roared hoarsely. "We can do what we like to humans. Any ideas?"

One wicked-looking witch jumped up. "I say old man Samson first. We'll take the covers off his haystack. The wind and the rain will ruin it. He! He! He!"

"Hoorah!" screamed all the witches and ghosts and skeletons.

Bobby felt awful. Old Mr. Samson had worked so very hard to put up hay to feed his cattle in the winter....

Then a skeleton stretched his old bones and stood up. His voice sounded like a rusty gate swinging. "Let's open the teacher's garden gate and let the cows eat her flowers."

"Yes! Yes!" screeched and howled the crowd.

Bobby began to feel angry and his hands clenched into fists. Why were these people planning such mean tricks?

THEN he remembered. It was Halloween, the one night in the year for tricks. Bobby looked at the screaming ghosts and thought of the man on TV.

But what could he do? They were so many and so strange. The black cat on his shoulder let out a wild squawk. Bobby shook and shivered all over again.

Then he took a big breath. They're only ghosts and skeletons he thought, and I'm a real live boy. He pushed the black cat to the ground and stood up.

"Listen to me," he shouted. "Listen!" The ghosts and witches all turned and glared at him.

"It w-w-would b-b-be better," Bobby stammered, "if y-y-you did kind things that wouldn't hurt anybody. Mr. Samson's lame and Miss Lambert is kind of old . . ."

The moment he spoke there was a dreadful uproar. The witches shook their fists at him. The skeletons reached their bony hands toward him. The black cats hissed and the owls and bats flapped their wings.

"Quiet!" roared the chief ghost. There was silence. The big ghost looked at Bobby. "Why shouldn't we be mean at Halloween? Give me one good reason." He strode down to Bobby and tore off Bobby's Halloween costume.

There stood Bobby in his blue and white striped pyjamas. "You're not a ghost. You're a boy . . . Speak!" the ghost screamed.

Bobby knew he must speak boldly. "None of the people you want to hurt have hurt you. Wouldn't it be

better if people thought ghosts and witches and skeletons were kind . . . instead of wicked? It's just as easy to be kind, the man on TV says . . .

Then the crowd really hooted and velled.

"Quiet," commanded the big ghost. "Perhaps you are right," he said. "You are brave. Go back to where you came from. We will think about your suggestion . .

He waved and swayed over Bobby. Bobby tried to shout. It was dark . . . the ghost hovered over him . . . then it faded away . .

Bobby opened his eyes. It was daylight. He was in bed. It was Halloween morning and his ghost costume hung on the wall.

Guess I dreamed about the ghosts, Bobby thought. I hope Rick and Larry aren't planning such mean tricks. I won't let them . . . I won't.

Bobby felt brave and strong. He hadn't been scared of the ghosts and skeletons. He wouldn't be scared to tell the boys what the man on TV had said. He knew everything would be all right. They would have a real good Halloween.

#### Puzzles for You

#### Two-in-One Words

If you move the letters in some words around, you can often make another word. Here are some twoin-one words to test your skill.

- 1. Make a joint out of below.
- 2. Make a fruit out of reap.
- 3. Make a fruit out of cheap.
- 4. Make a game out of loop.
- 5. Make a bird out of low.
- 6. Make a flower out of sore.
- 7. Make a fish out of a nut.
- 8. Make a story out of late.
- 9. Make a storage bin out of soil.
- 10. Make a small rock out of tones.
- 11. Make fruits out of slump.
- 12. Make a colt out of a loaf.

-FLORENCE A. GRITZNER.

#### Answers

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Tale	.8	Pear	2.
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#### An Autumn Plant

My first is in TADPOLE but not in FROG,

My second's in PUP but not in DOG. My third is in MOON but not in SUN.

My fourth is in PLAY but not in FUN.

My fifth is in KINDNESS but not in LOVE,

My sixth is in PIGEON but not in DOVE.

My seventh's in INSECT and also in ANT,

My whole is the nicest kind of plant. Its fruit is large and round yellow, With a candle inside it's a jolly fellow.

-Annie Laurie Von Tungeln.

Answer: uiyduind

#### Blindfold the Black Cat

by MONA ATKINSON

ERE'S a very old game for your Halloween party. Have all the guests with the exception of one (who is called the Black Cat and stands in the middle) form a big circle. The Black Cat is given a rod or stick (a yard stick will do) and then blindfolded.

The boys and girls in the circle

join hands and circle around the Black Cat, until he taps the floor with his stick for them to stop.

The circlers must then stand perfeetly still. They must not talk or even whisper.

The Black Cat then points his stick toward someone in the circle. That person must take hold of the end of the stick and say aloud

"Me-ow," "Me-ow," "Me-ow," much like a cat as possible.

From the sound of the voice the Black Cat tries to guess who it is.

If he guesses correctly, the two change places. If his guess is wrong the circle goes around until Black Cat stops it and points again to someone who then me-ows.

Someone is almost sure to laugh or giggle and so help the Black Cat to guess correctly.

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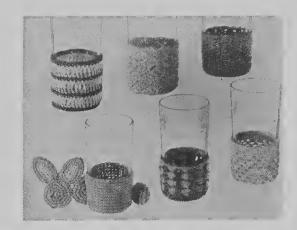


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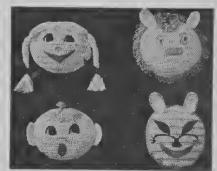
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- 1. Do you treat every gun as if it was a loaded gun?
- 2. Do you keep the muzzle in a safe direction and under control at all times?
- 3. Do you keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot?
- 4. Do you keep your finger outside the trigger guard?
- 5. Do you unload your gun when it is not in use?
- 6. Do you carry your gun in a case to the shooting area?
- 7. Do you unload your gun before taking it indoors?
- 8. Do you make certain the gun barrel is clean?
- 9. Do you check to see if you have ammunition that is the right size?

- 10. Are you always sure of your target before you fire?
- 11. Do you know the identifying features of the game you hunt?
- 12. Do you ever point your gun at people or objects in fun?
- 13. Do you climb trees or fences or jump ditches with a loaded gun?
- 14. Do you ever pull a gun to-ward you by the muzzle?
- 15. Do you ever shoot at flat, hard surfaces?
- 16. Do you store your gun and ammunition separately and out of reach of younger brothers and sisters?

If you can't answer these questions correctly, you might be interested in courses that are open to junior hunters. In Saskatchewan, for example, the Department of Natural Resources, in association with fish and game groups, offers training to junior hunters. Trained instructors demonstrate safe shooting methods. They show young people how to fire a rifle, how to care for it, how to carry it, how to safely cross such obstacles as fences and ditches. It's a good way to learn how to make your gun a good servant rather than a poor master.

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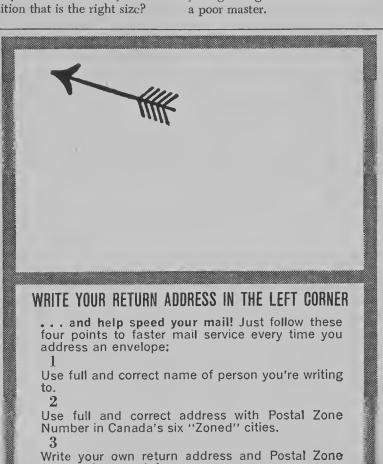
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#### **What Farm Organizations** Are Doing

#### WANT HOG PREMIUM RESTORED

Spokesmen for both the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Saskatchewan Farmers Union expressed concern early last month over the announcement that the quality premium for Grade A hogs would be reduced from \$3 to \$2 as part of the Federal Government's austerity program.

H. H. Hannam, CFA president, said this step "is unfortunate and should be regarded by the Government as a strictly temporary measure." SFU president, A. P. Gleave, said: "A lowering of hog quality could lose us markets and eventually cost the Canadian economy more than the saving to the treasury of \$1 per grade A hog.'

Both farm leaders stressed that the continued improvement of hog quality, which the premium is intended to encourage, is vital to ensuring the retention of the premium market in the United States for Canadian pork and bacon.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture members, meeting in Toronto on September 24, called for the early restoration of the \$3 premium.

#### AFA REPORTS PROGRESS ON HOG PLAN

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture has announced that the Alberta Hog Marketing Committee has now held a number of meetings and has prepared a draft marketing plan as a basis of operation under the marketing act. In addition to the plan, the Committee has prepared a statement of objectives and general plan of proposed operations. As a further step to determine what action should be taken, the Committee will seek a chance to discuss the marketing plan with directors of the livestock shipping associations and the FUA district boards.

#### **OFA SEEKS STRONGER ACTION ON HOG CHOLERA**

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has proposed a 3-point program to improve the control of hog cholera. In a resolution passed at its September meeting it has urged

- The Canada Dept. of Agriculture be requested to work closely with the U.S.D.A. in devising methods of controlling and eventually eliminating hog cholera.
- Penalties for feeding uncooked garbage to hogs in Canada be made more severe, and be more rigidly enforced.
- Steps be taken to ensure that the feeding of garbage to hogs be discouraged and over the long run be eliminated.

This resolution resulted from the recent outbreak of hog cholera in Ontario and Quebec, which has cost the Federal Government some \$400,000 to date through compensatory payments. The outbreak has been traced to feeding Canadian hogs uncooked garbage containing scraps of raw U.S. pork.

#### **CFA MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS** ON BANKING AND FINANCE

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in a well documented presentation to the Royal Commission on Banking and Finance, concluded that the role of government in the economy must develop in the direction of its greater involvement in economic and social planning. However, it warned that this should be accomplished within a framework which retains private enterprise and the competitive mar-

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ket mechanism as the fundamental and most important form of economic activity and means of economic regulation.

The CFA submission made these recommendations:

- The Federal Government should implement a policy of granting interest-free loans to farmers in cases of natural disaster.
- Provision should be made for a special, flexible credit service, under the Farm Credit Corporation, which would meet special needs of rural development programs.
- Policies should be developed to better provide for initial transfer capital for people entering farming, as well as for development capital.
- Policy is needed to provide loans for housing on farms that do not require the farmer to mortgage his productive land and so tie up his access to long-term production credit
- No change should be made in interest rates for Farm Credit Corporation or Farm Improvement loans.
- The maximum interest rate limitation on banks should be retained at its present level.
- The ARDA program should be actively pursued.

- The following bodies should be created:
- 1. A national economic planning body of government, attached to the Federal Cabinet.
- 2. A National Economic Advisory Planning Council with responsibilities for informing the public about economic issues and conditions and for advising the government.
- Provision should be made for more independent research in economic policy, including agricultural policy.
- The fundamental direction of our trade policy should be toward freer trade. The basis of our external agricultural policy should be to favor international consultation; and agreements on prices, markets and surplus problems.
- Legislation should be enacted requiring disclosure of finance charges in the form of simple annual interest, and for restricting the rate to be charged on consumer purchasing.

#### PROTESTS U.S. ADVANTAGE ON DURUM WHEAT

Saskatchewan Farmers Union president, A. P. Gleave, has expressed the view that Canadian

grain growers should not be expected to compete with the United States Government.

"U.S. farmers are being subsidized by their Federal Treasury," Mr. Gleave said. He went on to point out that the U.S. action, which reduced the price of durum wheat by 15 cents a bushel, has forced the Canadian Wheat Board to reduce the price of Canadian durum by 16 cents. The cent difference is due to the devaluation of the Canadian dollar.

"While in the U.S. the government is paying a subsidy of 15 cents to durum growers, Canadian farmers have to bear the loss themselves," the SFU president concluded.

#### CFA ANNOUNCES FEED GRAIN SUPPLY AND STORAGE POLICY

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has considered what new policy should be instituted by the Federal Government and its agencies in regard to the movement of Western feed grains to Eastern Canada and B.C. for domestic use, and has made these recommendations:

• The Federal Government pay 5 months' storage (Nov. 15-April 15) on any freight assisted grains which were brought down prior to the

close of navigation, but which remain in licensed commercial storage in Eastern Canada on April 15. The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risks associated with overestimating winter demand, and thereby encourage a somewhat heavier fall movement. Such a policy should greatly lessen the occasions on which a premium compared with Lakehead prices is charged Eastern users during the winter months.

- The Federal Government institute a policy of providing payment of storage at Lakehead for oats and barley owned by the Wheat Board. Such a payment need not cover all oats and barley owned by the Board, but should be on a basis that will enable the Board to maintain sufficient supplies of these grains at this location to protect the position of the Eastern feeder.
- A special officer be employed by the National Harbours Board to facilitate the efficient and equitable utilization of Board terminal space.
- That a marine leg be installed as soon as possible at the Harbour Board's West St. John, N.B., terminal so that grain can be unloaded from boats at this location. The absence of such a leg puts unnecessary restrictions on the use of this terminal for storage of grain brought by boat for domestic feed use.



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#### Letters

#### ". . . A Measure of Oats"

. . . I have little time to write letters to editors, but I must take time to tell you how I enjoyed "An Apple, A Measure of Oats" in the August issue . . . I have always longed to write fiction, but find articles to be more in my line. However, every move in this story was written so graphically that I couldn't resist writing to tell you that is how I longed to write . . . Give us another story by Cecilia Dabrowska, and let it be written as clearly as this one.

GLADYS JAY, Toronto, Ont.

. . . When I read this story I wondered where this farm was supposed to be. My parents were raised on farms in Ontario and a few years after they were married they moved to a Manitoba farm. There, horses were never worked a whole day without a drink, or fed at noon from nosebags while still hooked to a machine. True, they were never given a big drink of cold water while they were hot and sweaty, but the horses were always unhooked at

noon, put in a barn or at least in the shade, given a proper meal of hay and oats and a drink of water before going back to work. The noon rest was an hour or an hour and a half.

The man in this story had a 3-horse team, which is very unusual on the prairies. Also the seat of the disc was over the blades instead of back of them. I have never seen anyone walk behind a disc and I have spent many years on a farm.

MRS. J. E. DAVY, White Fox, Sask.

Cecilia Dabrowska is an Australian author, who has drawn the details of her sensitive story from her experience in that country. Obviously, the methods of handling horses there were different from those that were common in Canada.—Ed.

#### Stimulating Addition

Thank you very much for the new feature in The Country Guide "Let's Think It Over." We listen to the Very Rev. Morse L. Goodman every morning, and find his article in your paper a great and stimulating addition to what we have already heard from him.

MR. AND MRS. F. A. WILSON, Struan, Sask.

#### Pen Friends Wanted

Greetings from an independent nation. I seek individual pen friends (of any age or sex) in your beautiful country of enchantment. My hope is to exchange ideas so as to know the difference between my country and yours. I am an African boy of 20, of intermediate height and weight, also dark brown complexion. Various letters will be required by airmail which is 25 cents per half ounce . . . Bless you for your assistance.

Kenzie Doe, c/o 11, Isale, Agbede Str., Lagos, Nigeria, W.C.A.

#### Problem Solved?

We certainly enjoy your magazine a lot. We find many helpful articles on farming. This past issue (August) had a fine item, not on farming but on music, that interested me greatly, as it fitted my problem. I refer to "Adventure in Music" by Anna Tillenius. I would like to write this

lady and wondered if you would forward this letter to her for me.

Mrs. Carroll Phillips, Box 545, Fairbanks, Alaska.

#### Family Paper

Since The Country Guide is the most-loved paper in our home by all members of the family, and as far back as I can remember it has always



been in our home . . . I decided to send in the enclosed snap of our children and the horse they raised themselves. This was taken at our farm, near the garden, about the end of July last year, when the first corn was ready.

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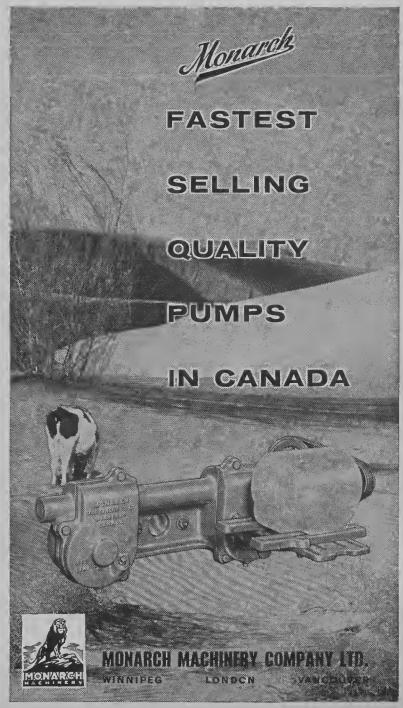
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#### FALL MARKET OUTLOOK (Continued from page 12)

price policies make the minimum prices relatively stable and it has been safe, in the past, to forecast them. The big questions are: Can it be sold? And how fast can it be sold?

This was the recent export story: 1961-62 1960-61 (bushels) (bushels) Wheat and Wheat Flour 354,600,000 346,900,000 Oats 2,700,000 1,900,000 Barley 36,600,000 41,500,000 Ryc 4,400,000 2,600,000 Flaxseed 12,000,000 13,600,000 410,300,000 406.500.000

WHEAT. Canada's wheat and flour exports have averaged 321 million bushels in the past 5 crop years, compared to 294 million bushels in the 5 years before that. The 1961-62 wheat plus flour exports of 354.6 million bushels were the third highest in history. But we still carried a surprisingly large carryover of 396 million on July 31. This is the export sales outlook for 1962-63:

Poland has contracted to buy 11 million bushels, mostly 2 and 3 wheat. Also, they have taken an option to buy a further 7.5 million bushels by February 1. The Poles will pay 10 per cent down and the rest will be paid over a 3-year period. The U.S. has a big slice of Poland's market—20 to 30 million bushels, and Russia has been supplying 15 to 20 million bushels. Poland wants better credit terms (the U.S. offers 5- to 10-year arrangements) and more Polish goods allowed into Canada.

Communist China has bought 106 million bushels of wheat from Canada since she entered into an agreement to buy 217 million bushels during the calendar years of 1961, 1962, and 1963. If implemented, she will buy another 70-75 million bushels during the 1962-63 crop year. China, some reports have it, is somewhat dis-

turbed at having to pay 25 per cent down and the rest within 9 months—especially after the deal we gave Poland. Also, China is supposed to be disturbed about the stiff tariffs against textiles she wants to export to Canada.

Japan, according to reports from Tokyo, will probably buy 55 million bushels of wheat this year. This is one market that really likes our quality of 2 and 3 wheat. The U.S. is making strong offers of their subsidized wheat to Japan; and Australia, having a geographical advantage over Canada, is making strong overtures.

United Kingdom buying of Canadian wheat will probably stay at the 70- to 80-million bushel level. The effect of Britain joining the ECM won't be felt this year. What happens after that, nobody knows. Sales have undergone a small but steady erosion with the U.K. ever since the postwar agreement. This has been partially due to occasional sales by Russia and, again, the pressure of subsidized wheat from the U.S.

The European Common Market Countries—France, Holland, Belgium, West Germany, Luxemburg and Italy are expected to buy about as much wheat as last year. West Germany is our best customer of the ECM countries: she imported almost 44 million bushels of wheat last year and 33 million bushels the year before. Germany mixes much of our wheat with low quality wheat—makes it into flour—and then outsells the Canadian miller.

Other countries usually account for about 40 million bushels worth of wheat business. In 1960, they were over the 80 million bushel mark, due chiefly to extra sales of durum wheat.

**COARSE GRAINS.** Both barley and oat sales have been declining. We exported 2.7 million bushels of oats last year, up almost a million from 1960-61, but a far cry from the 1952-53 figure of 65 million bushels. Barley exports which

were 41.5 million bushels 9 years ago, slumped to 36.6 million bushels during the 1961-62 crop year. Red China took 18.6 million bushels for food, and the U.K. 7.5 million bushels for feed. The U.S. imported just under 10 million bushels for malting. The U.S. and their subsidized feed grain program, coupled with a large French production, kept our barley out of most of continental Europe. Saskatchewan farmers and growers in the southern parts of Alberta will be selling most of the malting barley this year: Manitoba grew little; most of the crop in north and central Alberta was frozen or weathered.

DURUM WHEAT. The price of durum wheat was unusually high the past few years. The reason: supplies were short. All this is changed and the party is over. The Wheat Board's initial price, which last year was \$1 more than No. 1 Northern and now is \$1.50, reflects it. The acreage is about double that of last year and the crop is estimated to be approximately 58 million bushels. Last year we produced only 7.7 million bushels and were selling it for as much as \$3.50 per bushel. The U.S. also has a bigger croparound 50 million bushels compared to last year's 19 million bushels. Some people feel the price may drop as much as 50¢ before Christmas; this, in spite of the fact that prices have already dropped 50¢ per bushel since August 1. No. 1, at the time this was written, is selling for around \$2.80.

**RAPESEED.** Soybeans have been hurting this market. Sales of rapeseed have proved disappointing. This year we will again have 8 million bushels to sell. One authority doesn't expect to see the country price go above \$2 yet.

FLAXSEED. Canada is going to have about 15 million bushels and the U.S. around 25 million bushels of flax to sell. This flax, together with Argentina's expected crop of 20 million bushels, makes up most of the world's supply. The price was mainly in the \$3.60 region this spring. It has dropped below \$3.50, and may go lower.



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HI FOLKS:

It seems to me, with machines taking over our lives the way they are, we should stop wasting time teaching people how to get along with people and teach them how to get along with machines, especially machines that act half-human.

We have electric brains taking over our dairy farms, computers doing most of the thinking for businessmen, and even teaching machines creeping into schools. If everybody is as unsympathetic to mechanical gadgets as some people I know, there'll be a bust-up some day.

When I plugged in our iron to press my pants last week the darn thing almost blew up in my face. There was this terrible sizzling noise and smoke came pouring out.

"What's the matter with the

iron?" I yelped.
"It was all right this morning when I washed it," Sara told me.

"WASHED IT!" I howled. "You mean you WASHED it?"

"It was getting dirty so I washed it in the sink," she said patiently.

After I calmed down I explained that you don't put irons, toasters, and other electrical gadgets in

"They're like cats," I said. "They can't stand water. When you soak them they hiss and spit at you.'

"You can wash an electric frying pan," she said defensively.

"The element in that is proteeted so you ean wash it,"

"How am 1 to know which is and which isn't?" she shrugged. "I'm not mechanically inclined.

"If you're going to use them, you might try to understand them,

I find that people who can't see eye-to-eye with any machine range from those who aren't "mechani-cally inclined" to those who are downright terrified of them.

Our druggist, Len Tooley, onee had a customer who hated mechanical creatures of any kind. When Len put in an automatic cigarette vendor, this fella refused to go near it. He would hand Len the money and say what brand he wanted as if the maehine weren't even there.

"What's the matter?" Len snarled at him one busy day, "you afraid of that thing?

"Certainly not!" the fella said angrily, "I just prefer the warm, human relationship which goes with personal service."

That fella's fighting a losing battle. Machines are here to stay, so he might as well learn to get along with them.

We had a neighbor onee who put off buying a simple, friendly eritter like a washing machine because she was afraid of them. Finally, her husband had to insist that she get one-not because he hated to see her work, but because she was making a mess of his shirts.

At the storc, she took one look at a fancy automatic model with its rows of push buttons and almost bolted out the door. In the end, she settled for an older type because it looked easier to handle. When she turned it on for the first time, though, it started to rock back and forth on its heels, growling menaeingly. As it picked up speed, the thing began to lurch drunkenly across the basement floor toward her and she fled in terror up the stairs. She ran all the way out to the barn to get her husband to come and shut it off.

In a meehanieal age like this, she's licked before she even starts.

Worst of all are those who rely on mechanical gadgets so much they can't move without them. Turn off the power so the electric toothbrush buzzes to a halt and they're helpless as babies.

If everybody gets this bad, the situation will be akin to the fall of the Roman Empire when the Romans became so weak and futile their slaves had to take over.

Sincerely PETE WILLIAMS.

#### Ron Robinson answers young farmers' questions

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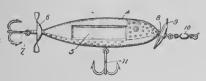
#### Lure Made Fish See Themselves

by M. J. RIVISE

(Based/on the files of the U.S. Patent Office)

TILLIAM P. ZEIGLER loved fishing. He made a careful study of his victims, both boy fish and girl fish, and concluded that he could play upon their vanity. The watery affection of one walleye for another walleye, or the jealousy between one trout and another, knew no bounds, he decided.

Being an inventor, William whittled an imitation fish from wood. He painted the head green, the belly speckled white and red,



and the back a dark red. At the tail he placed a spinner and a hook. Another hook went below.

So far, he had nothing much better, or worse, than what was being used by thousands of other fishing fanatics. But then came the twist-a mirror placed in the side of the fake fish. From here on, he reasoned, it would be love (or hate) at first sight.

As he said in his application for a patent: "A male fish seeing his image upon looking into the mirror will appear to see another fish approaching it from the opposite side, with the intent to seize the bait, and this will not only arouse his warlike spirit, but also appeal to his greed, and he will seize the pait quic'dy in o der to defeat the pproaching rival . . In . . case a female fish, the attractiveness of a mirror is too well known to need discussion."

Then he added: "In case the fish is suspected of cowardice, I may make the mirror of convex form . . . so the other fish may appear to be smaller. Thus, the bait will appeal to the ruling passion of both sexes and will render it very certain and effective in operation.'

Nobody got hooked on this one except the inventor, who undoubtedly paid a few hundred dollars to secure his patent.





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3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup chilled shortening

1 cup (about) milk

Sift flour, Magic Baking Powder and salt into mixing bowl; cut in shortening finely. Make a well in dry mixture; add milk and mix lightly with a fork, using just enough milk to make a soft but not sticky dough. Turn out dough onto lightly-floured board or canvas and knead lightly for 10 seconds. Roll out to 3/4-inch thickness and cut with a floured 21/2-inch cookie cutter. Arrange, slightly apart, on greased cookie sheet. Bake in a hot oven, 450°, about 12 minutes. Yield -12 to 14 biscuits.

#### 4 Easy Variations

CHEESE BISCUITS: Reduce shortening to V<sub>4</sub> cup and before adding milk, mix in 1 cup shredded process cheese. Brush unbaked biscuit-tops with milk and sprinkle with sesame seeds when available. Delightful with salads, egg dishes or jam.

TOMATO BISCUITS: Replace salt with onion salt and milk with tomato juice. Wonderful accompaniment for salads, cold cuts, fish and eggs.

**SPICED RAISIN BISCUITS:** Sift 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves and 1/4 cup fine granulated sugar with the flour; before adding milk, mix in 3/4 cup raisins. Lightly-spiced and delightfully sweet — luscious at tea-time.

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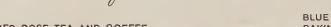
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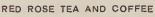
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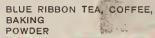




















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